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NEWS RELEASE

Port Police Arrest Man on Drug Charges

Piti, Guam, May 18, 2022: A semi-truck driver exiting the Port Authority of Guam this morning was arrested by Port police after officers allegedly found a small amount of drugs and drug paraphernalia indicating personal use during an inspection.

Port police held a joint federal and local law enforcement operation today to conduct surprise regulatory inspections of all containers coming into and out of the Port terminal. Port Police were joined by officials from the U.S. Coast Guard as well as Guam Customs for the Multi-Agency Strike Force Operation (MASFO). Inspections were made to detect narcotics as well as hazardous materials and proper safety protocols.

During this morning's operation, Port police officers were searching the cab of a semi-truck in the outbound area of the terminal when they discovered a small resealable plastic bag that allegedly contained crystal methamphetamine, also known as "ice." They also allegedly discovered drug paraphernalia. Officials from the U.S. Coast Guard conducted a field test with the substance in the small clear bag and the paraphernalia and the items resulted in a presumptive positive for methamphetamines. The amount of illegal drugs allegedly discovered was reflective of personal use only.

Kyle Marcus Cruz, 31, of Dededo was booked and released in connection with possession of a Schedule II controlled substance.

"This arrest is the result of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio and our board's directives to provide all possible support needed by Customs and the U.S. Coast Guard to prevent drugs from entering our island through Guam's ports of entry, so this partnership the Port has built with the U.S. Coast Guard and Guam Customs is really only three years in the making," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "We will continue to work with all local and federal law enforcement partners on these random and routine inspections, and thankfully to date there has been no evidence that drugs are coming through the Port Authority of Guam. We will do everything possible to keeping the Port safe and to continue this Administration's efforts to secure our borders."