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Lieutenant Governor

Office of the Governor of Guam

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Dear Chief Bordallo and Attorney General Rapadas:

I find the statements by Police Officer Manila during a recent trial that he had sex with a prostitute at the Blue House and that he "advised" the women there that they could not leave the lounge to be most disturbing. Although his conduct, once it came to light, was immediately investigated, these allegations are serious enough that I would have expected severe repercussions; however, I understand that Officer Manila only received adverse action that was not termination. Clearly, no criminal prosecution was pursued.

Equally disturbing are the allegations that other police officers may have engaged in conduct unbecoming, if not illegal. Yet, the police department is quoted as saying that no other police officers were investigated and that this matter is closed. In the case of Officer Manila, there was no mention about whether any reports were forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for follow-up, review or prosecution.

In light of the facts and allegations revealed in court it is understandable that there is some public skepticism over the fidelity of the investigation into Officer Manila's conduct and if GPD exerted the utmost effort in trying to determine who else from the department might have been engaged in similar behavior.

Police officers are, and always should be, held to the highest standard. The police's authority may be established by law, but trust in that authority is only derived from the public's confidence in the overall integrity of the department and in each individual officer. It is essential that everyone in the department, and those who have any degree of oversight of the department, such as Chief Bordallo, Attorney General Rapadas, the Governor and I, never treat that public trust lightly.

Accordingly, I am asking that each of you, respectively, assign a senior member of the police force and a senior Assistant Attorney General, who has no conflict or connection to the case or to any individuals who are known or suspected to be involved, to work together to conduct a comprehensive review of actions previously taken by the police department in investigating the conduct of Officer Manila as it relates to the Blue House Lounge. In addition, I ask that the assigned individuals open a new investigation to determine if there were any other officers who may have been involved. Of particular note in the review is if there was an attempt to determine whether there was any truth to the allegations that officers named "Tony" and "Mario" may have also solicited or aided and abetted in prostitution at this establishment, or whether there was any deliberate indifference in the investigation.



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When anything comes to our attention that might erode public trust, such as the questions now surrounding these admissions and allegations of misconduct and the internal investigation that ensued, we must act with the utmost haste and effort to determine the truth of the matter and to ensure that the public's confidence is upheld and remains deserved. I ask that you act expediently in moving forward with this review, and that you keep my office informed of its progress.

Sincerely,

RAY TENORIO

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