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Black Widow Spider Denied Entry by Customs & Quarantine

SANTA RITA, Guam – December 7, 2015 – A single black widow spider was confined, identified and eradicated by joint efforts between the Customs & Quarantine Agency (CQA), the Department of Agriculture, the University of Guam and members within the community.

A shipment from California to the Naval Base Guam containing construction equipment was being unloaded when personnel spotted a black spider. CQA was notified and responded.

The spider was contained and sent to the Department of Agriculture for recommendation. It was then forwarded to the University of Guam for identification where it was confirmed to be a black widow spider.

Further inspection of the container and equipment followed where no other specimen was found.

“This is a great example of how existing protocol, community involvement and collaborative partnerships between governmental agencies play a big role in our biosecurity operations to ensure Guam remains protected,” said CQA Director Pedro A. Leon Guerrero, Jr.

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