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Customs Officers help investigation in corruption case

BARRIGADA, Guam – October 16, 2015 – The Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency (CQA) was informed yesterday that an indictment involving five former customs officers would be unsealed. The former employees pled guilty to Conspiracy to Defraud and to Deprive Honest Services.

It was a local customs officer who alerted federal officials to suspicious activity, sparking the investigation. He and a group of fellow Guam Customs & Quarantine officers were brought in to assist with the subsequent investigation. If not for the efforts of the reporting officer and others within CQA, the case would not have been possible.

“I commend the reporting customs officer for standing up for what is right and the other officers who assisted him and federal investigators,” said CQA Director Pedro A. Leon Guerrero, Jr. “The five former employees who were indicted do not define the level of integrity and commitment of the 130 honest and hard working men and women who properly perform their job in protecting the borders and commerce of Guam as a customs officer.”

CQA will continue to review the investigation and tighten its own internal processes to help ensure Guam's borders are secure.

The status hearings at the District Court of Guam for all of the defendants are scheduled for January and February of 2016.

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