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### **CQA Awarded a Seized Vehicle for its Role in a Major Drug Bust**

BARRIGADA, GUAM – The Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA) has received a seized vehicle for the role officers attached to the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) had in a local drug bust back in 2015. The award is part of the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Asset Forfeiture Program (AFP).

In 2015, the vehicle was one of many seized assets determined to have been purchased with drug proceeds and was held by DEA. Under the DOJ AFP, seized assets are employed in a manner that enhances public safety and security, thus, the DEA presented the vehicle to the CQA.

“The Agency is proud of our task force officers. They deserve recognition for the work they do and the service they provide to ensure the safety of our community. It is not every day that the Agency has the opportunity to mediate the good we do daily because much of the time the drugs we take off the streets becomes part of a larger investigation. I am glad to be given the chance to highlight this one operation that led to the end of a drug enterprise,” James T. McDonald, CQA Director.

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