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## **Four Advance to Customs and Quarantine Officer III**

BARRIGADA, Guam – The Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA) is proud to elevate four officers to the rank of Customs and Quarantine Officer (CQ) III, reinforcing our commitment to efficient and resilient operational readiness. A ceremony recognizing the new CQIIIs was held at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex this afternoon.

CQIIIs Jeremy Artero, Walter Gray, Stephen Quichocho, and Shena San Nicolas are ready to take on greater responsibilities and mentorship roles, each having served the agency anywhere from 12 to 17 years.

Their collective experience ranges from screening and inspection of passengers and goods at all of Guam's ports of entry; special enforcement operations toward successful drug interdictions, homeland security investigations, and response to biosecurity threats; and detector dog handling, training, instruction and deployment for both narcotics and agricultural interdictions.

"Promoting these officers not only allows us to address critical vacancies, but also strengthens the leadership and exemplary level of care that are essential to our mission. Each of these individuals bring proven results, and their advancement ensures that our agency is positioned for long-term success," said CQA Director Ike Peredo. "I thank the administration for their support in strengthening our workforce, as well as the officers' families as an extension of their service and sacrifice."

During the ceremony, the officers' loved ones came forward to secure their new ranks onto their uniforms.

CQA management presented their official certificates of promotion, along with certificates of recognition from the Office of the Governor of Guam, the 38th Guam Legislature, and Congressman James Moylan.

These promotions bring CQA's CQIII staffing to 27 officers, making up approximately 22% of our 124-officer workforce.

CQA last promoted an officer to CQIII in March this year, and six to CQIII in November 2024.

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