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Defendant Pleaded Guilty without a Plea Agreement

August 7, 2014-Tamuning, Guam- In an unexpected move, Bryan Ray Baza Bautista pleaded guilty to possession of schedule II controlled substance with intent to deliver as first degree felony, possession of schedule II controlled substance as a third degree felony, three counts of possession of a firearm without a firearms identification card, and three counts of possession of an unregistered firearm as a thirds degree felony.

Facing a very strong case against him charged by the prosecutors of the Office of the Attorney General, Bautista, admitted his guilt without plea negotiations or a plea agreement in place during a court hearing late last month that would have set a trial date.

In February, Bautista, along with co-defendants Nellie Penaflor and Alan Philip Santos, lived in a Dededo home that that was believed to be connected with a theft of firearms investigation of a Yigo residence some days prior. The Guam Police Department obtained a search warrant for the residence after apprehending another individual who told police he said he had seen one of the firearms stolen from the Yigo residence at the Dededo home.

Upon execution of the search warrant, Penaflor and Santos were found in the bathroom attempting to flush suspected drugs and evidence down the toilet. Also found within the home were three guns, two of which were previously reported stolen; numerous rounds of ammunition and magazines of various calibers and manufacturers; controlled substances that tested presumptive positive for amphetamine, weight scales, and packaging material. The methamphetamine had an estimated street value of between six and seven thousand dollars.

Bautista told police that Santos and Penaflor had recently moved to the residence and had provided him with "ice" as rent. He further told police that he would sell the "ice" for profit.

"Without a plea agreement, Bautista must throw himself before the mercy of the court; these are serious charges for which this defendant will be held accountable for," said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

He faces anywhere from 3-20 years imprisoned at the Department of Corrections.

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