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OAG Confirms Intent to Investigate Alleged Tiyan Casino Operation

November 20, 2014- Tamuning, Guam – The Office of The Attorney General (OAG) has launched an investigation into the alleged Tiyan Gambling Casino Operation after a letter addressed to Department of Revenue and Taxation Direction (DRT) John Camacho and Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas was sent from Lina’la Sin Casino President Dr Jose Q. Cruz three days ago.

The letter alleges that casino gambling continues at the Tiyan Carnival Site and urges DRT and AG Rapadas to investigate if such activity is legal.

Yesterday, the OAG sent letters to DRT Director John Camacho and Executive Director Angel R. Sablan of the Mayor’s Council informing them of the AG’s intent to launch an investigation into the matter. Additionally, the letters request any information each respective stakeholder may have related to the legality of the ongoing casino gambling operations. Such information may include, but is not limited to, the Mayor’s Council authority to such operations, and a Sunshine Act of 1999 request concerning the permitting of casino gambling at the Tiyan location.

“We’ve had communication with the vice president of the Mayor’s Council, and he agreed to cooperate by providing us the requested information; I expect that we will continue interacting in this manner,” said Chief Deputy Attorney General (CDAG) Phillip J. Tydingco.

The OAG wants to ensure that the entities are functioning under the proper authorization and to make certain that applicable laws are followed.

“Business must be conducted properly, and within the parameters set out in the Guam Code Annotated,” finished CDAG Tydingco.

A third letter was sent to Dr. Cruz acknowledging his concerns and informing him of the OAG’s commitment to determine what activities, if any, are occurring at the Tiyan location and to reach a conclusion about the legality of any casino operation that may continue to remain in place at the site.

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