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Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission Awards First Eligible Recipients

April 11, 2016- Tamuning, Guam-After years of working to reestablish the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (CICC), three eligible families were awarded financial compensation in an effort to offset some of the costs incurred during their time of tragedy and pain as a result of a crime.

A total of \$17,600.05 was awarded last Friday at a hearing of the Commission. The CICC Fund is comprised of monies received from fines imposed on defendants in certain criminal cases. Members of the CICC include Palé Mike Crisostomo, Dr. Lisa Flores, and Ms. Denise Mendiola.

For many years, the Commission was defunct because the Commission could not maintain a quorum. In 2013, Senator Frank Aguon Jr. amended the law, allowing the Attorney General to oversee the administration of CICC.

Attorney General Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson – in her first year in office – created an entire administrative process for the CICC to function consistently and for the future.

“The years of frustration for victims of crime is hopefully at an end. I want to applaud the members of the CICC for their dedication to the work over the past year, and the hard work ahead. I thank the families for their patience and their humble gratitude to our hard-working staff,” Attorney General Barrett-Anderson said.

For every dollar of victim compensation the CICC awards, Guam is entitled to .60 cents reimbursement from the federal government under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). For years, victims have not only been deprived of their due compensation, but Guam has lost out on this reimbursement effort.

“This is Crime Victims’ Rights Week across the nation. I can think of no better way to celebrate this event than by awarding these funds to victims and their families,” General Barrett-Anderson continued.

For more information on eligibility, please visit www.guamag.org, or contact Pauline I. Untalan at 475-3324 ext. 5030.

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