



# Office of the Attorney General of Guam



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## Former HUD Employee Pleads Guilty

April 14, 2016- Tamuning, Guam-Attorney General Elizabeth Barrett Anderson, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), and its Prosecution Division have been fully supportive of the collaborative and joint investigative efforts with our island's federal law enforcement counterparts, to include the inspector general offices of federal agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), in addition to our traditional federal law enforcement partners—the FBI, DEA, ATF, IRS-CI, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. Attorneys' Office for the District of Guam and the CNMI.

On March 1, 2016 after a joint investigation by the Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD-OIG), the FBI, and investigators at the OAG, a Superior Court grand jury indicted former HUD employee Antonia Mayo San Nicolas, along with Sec. 8 landlord Albert Buendicho and Sec. 8 recipient Mattos Johnson, with 12 charges stemming from an alleged bribery scheme. On April 14, 2016, Ms. Mayo pled guilty to 3 counts of receiving bribes as a third degree felony and a special allegation of crimes against the community. Charges remain against Mr. Buendicho and Mr. Johnson.

As we highly value the cooperation, collaboration, and support of our federal law enforcement partners, we are pleased to provide the following statement on behalf of the HUD-OIG:

According to Special Agent in Charge James Todak, the Office of the Inspector General is committed to safeguarding the integrity of HUD programs. The citizens of Guam have the right to expect that corruption by public officials and others who stand to wrongfully benefit from public corruption will not be tolerated, and the Office of the Inspector General for HUD will utilize all of its investigative resources to uphold that expectation of trust. Alleged crimes involving HUD programs only take away from the vital role that HUD serves in assisting low income, elderly and disabled families in Guam. If you have specific concerns regarding fraud or corruption involving a HUD-funded program, please contact the local FBI Guam Resident Agency Office at 472-7465 or the Office of the Attorney General at 475-3406 ext. 2210.

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