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## Gorong pleads not guilty



*Released on \$100K bail*

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QUADLYN Layan Gorong, 24, yesterday pleaded not guilty to manslaughter and negligent homicide charges in connection with the death of three teenagers who were hit by a car while walking along a Yigo road in November 2014.

Gorong was charged with three counts of manslaughter, with special

allegations of possession and use of a deadly weapon, three counts of negligent homicide, with special allegations, three counts of reckless driving with injuries, and three counts of reckless conduct.

Saly Anna Edwin Santos, 16, Cherrica Bryan Gallen, 19, and Julia Gibson George, 16, were walking along Chalan Ramirez on the night of Nov. 29, 2014 when a car hit them and fled the scene.

During yesterday's arraignment, Magistrate Judge Alberto Tolentino imposed \$100,000 cash bail for

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Core Tech International's Summer Town Estates officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony yesterday at the new housing community's Dededo location. See story and additional photo on page 7.

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## Police find priest with teenage girl

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FOLLOWING the arrest of Rev. Luis Camacho, 29, the Archdiocese of Agana announced the

priest has resigned as pastor of San Dimas parish in Merizo and San Dionisio parish in Umatac effective immediately.

According to A.J. Balajadia, Guam Police Department spokes-

man, Camacho was found with a 17-year-old girl in a vehicle at a beach in Agat on Tuesday morning.

Balajadia said Agat precinct police officers arrested Camacho

at 11:45 a.m. that day.

The police charged him with custodial interference for being with a female minor who was not in school at the time they were

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## Pre-K sites named, pilot program to launch next school year

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THE Guam Department of Education has named four elementary schools that will host a new pilot pre-kindergarten program beginning next school year.

The program will be voluntary and will test the feasibility of expanding the program to all schools by 2020.

J.Q. San Miguel Elementary School in Mongmong-Toto-Maite, Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School in Tamuning, Marcial Sablan Elementary School in Agat, and Finegayan Elementary School in Dededo have been chosen as participants in the program, according to a GDOE press release.

GDOE Superintendent Jon Fernandez said the classrooms they anticipate using will likely have been vacant classrooms, but the department will be working with school administrators to make a final determination regarding classroom use.

The department is still finalizing a budget for the program, but with the recent opening of the iLearn Academy Charter School, Fernandez said the



department will likely need to request additional funds from the Guam Legislature to sustain the program.

More than \$1 million was set aside for the program in the fiscal 2015 budget, he said.

Each classroom will likely have one teacher, one classroom aide and 18 students, Fernandez said.

Because of limited space, parents must submit applications for their children to be considered for the program.

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Applications will be accepted March 23 through April 30. Children must be 4 years old by July 31 to be eligible for the program. Applications will be available at each of the participating schools.

Priority will be given to families living within the attendance areas of the four schools. Students will be selected on a lottery basis if there are more applicants than available space, the release states.

"We are prioritizing families that reside in the attendance areas of the identified schools to ease the transition into kindergarten by participating students," Fernandez said.

Additional details on how the lottery will work will be provided at a later date, according to the release.

The application process will provide the department with data on the demand for the program, Fernandez said.

## Police nab man suspected of robbing Tamuning condominium

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POLICE arrested a man yesterday in connection with a home invasion robbery at a condominium unit in Tamuning on Saturday.

The man, identified as 22-year-old Feleti "Fred" Tamalau, allegedly terrorized a woman and stole her purse at the Agana Beach Condominiums in the early morning hours of March 14.

Yesterday morning, police asked for the public's help in locating the suspect after the Pacific News Center showed surveillance footage from Tuesday evening of him entering the grounds of the condominiums.

Tamalau's arrest stems from a complaint about the home invasion lodged early Saturday morning. Police met with a complainant who said he witnessed a male individual climbing down from a bedroom balcony of his unit with his wife's purse.

The complainant said he attempted to chase the suspect; however, by the time he reached the beach area known as Camacho Beach in Tamuning, which fronts the condominium, the suspect was nowhere to be found.

At the same time, police happened to be searching Camacho Beach for a suspect in an earlier crime at the Alupang Beach Tower in

Tamuning which shares the same shoreline. They advised the complainant to return to his condominium for further interview. Upon arriving at the condo unit, police learned that the complainant's wife had been victimized by the assailant during the crime.

### Assault

According to Officer A.J. Balajadia, spokesman for the Guam Police Department, while at Agana Beach Condos, the complainant's wife was interviewed by officers.

"She stated that she awoke to a male covering her mouth and nose with his hand. She was terrified as the individual threatened to harm her, he then removed his hand and turned toward her sliding door with her purse," Balajadia said. "As she attempted to stop him, the suspect assaulted her."

Police yesterday sent a notice to the public to be on the lookout for the male suspect. Within hours, police located Tamalau.

After questioning, Tamalau was arrested and charged with home invasion, robbery, burglary, terrorizing, reckless conduct, child abuse and assault all related to the case. The child abuse charge stems from the presence of the victim's minor children in the residence during the crime.

Balajadia attributed the quick arrest to the work of detectives and the assistance of the public.

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Gorong's pre-trial release despite the request of her lawyer, Randy Cunliffe, that she be released on personal recognizance.

Bail was posted and Gorong was released after Tolentino denied the request for a personal recognizance bond.

According to Cunliffe, Gorong voluntarily surrendered, and has been very cooperative with authorities, is gainfully employed and has strong family ties.

Tolentino recognized the fact that Gorong did not flee despite an outstanding warrant of arrest for her since she was identified as a possible suspect.

However, the court followed the bail recommendation of the Office of the Attorney General and said it had weighed the seriousness of the offense that will

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mean significant jail time with a minimum mandatory sentence if she is convicted.

Gorong is next scheduled to appear before Superior Court of Guam Judge Maria Cenzon on April 21 at 9:30 a.m.

### Curfew

Before dismissing Gorong, the court ordered the defendant to observe a daily curfew of 6 p.m. She was ordered not to contact the families of the deceased and not to drive a motor vehicle.

According to court documents,

the deadly weapon allegedly used is the vehicle Gorong was allegedly driving at the time of the accident — a 2005 Nissan Sentra.

The three teenagers were close friends and were on their way to a friend's house when they were struck by a vehicle. They were found lying along Chalan Ramirez, a tertiary road, at around 4:30 a.m. and were rushed to Guam Memorial Hospital where two of teenagers were declared dead that same morning. The third girl died later that night.

Two days after the incident, GPD announced that a person of interest, believed to be the driver of the subject vehicle, had been brought in by police for questioning.

No further information was released until an indictment was filed on March 6 against Gorong.

Gorong waived her right to a speedy trial and requested a jury trial.

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found parked at the beach, Balajadia said.

Camacho was booked and released yesterday, March 17, 2015. The alleged offense is custodial interference, according to information provided by the Guam Police Department. The archdiocese has initiated a canonical investigation and is cooperating fully with civil authorities.

Yesterday morning, the Office of the Attorney General said it had no knowledge of Camacho's arrest. Usually, the attorney general's office does not pursue criminal charges until after they are given information from police.

The archdiocese issued a short statement yesterday evening

regarding Camacho's arrest.

"The Archdiocese of Agana was made aware that Father Luis was booked and released yesterday, March 17, 2015. The alleged offense is custodial interference, according to information provided by the Guam Police Department. The archdiocese has initiated a canonical investigation and is cooperating fully with civil authorities. In the meantime, Father Luis' faculties have been restricted," the statement said.

The statement was issued by Vice Chancellor Rev. Jose Alberto Rodriguez, Sexual Abuse Response Coordinator. Deacon Larry Claros told Variety yesterday that he would not

be involved in the incident.

According to an October 2013 article from the Archdiocese of Chalan Kanoa of the Northern Mariana Islands and an article from Marianas Variety, Camacho graduated from Father Duenas High School in 2003 and spent 10 years at the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Seminary in Yoña.

He became a deacon in February 2013 and obtained his bachelor's degree in theology in spring 2013. According to the Chalan Kanoa archdiocese article, Camacho is also the nephew of Bishop Tomas Agnon Camacho, the first bishop of the Chalan Kanoa diocese.