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FBI SEARCHES GHURA

Agents enter agency's main office; doors locked

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Federal and local investigators served the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority with a search warrant Friday

afternoon, according to GHURA Executive Director Mike Duenas.

FBI agents were seen entering the GHURA main office in Sinajana just before 5 p.m. Friday. Investigators from Guam's

Office of the Attorney General were later seen at the office.

Some GHURA employees who were coming out of the office around 5 p.m. said they were free to leave, but key officials of GHURA remained in

the building. At 6 p.m., Duenas came out of the building and told Pacific Daily News a search warrant was served and GHURA is complying.

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Doris Concepcion, second from right, mother of the late Joseph "Sonny" Quinata, recites the Lord's Prayer along with family and friends during a Mass of Healing at the Father Duenas Memorial School's Boys' Chapel in Mangilao on Friday.

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Mass held for 'victims of abuse'

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Arizona resident Doris Concepcion said on Friday that no one connected to The Vatican or the Archdiocese of Agana has reached out to her since she told the media in May that

"Now I look around and there's so much love."

DORIS CONCEPCION
MOTHER OF THE LATE JOSEPH "SONNY" QUINATA

Guam's archbishop, Anthony Apuron, molested her son.

Concepcion's son, Joseph A.

Quinata, revealed his long-kept secret to Concepcion 11 years ago, just before he died,

she said. The mother arrived in Guam this week with her son's ashes.

Three people recently have accused Apuron of sexual abuse. The archbishop hasn't been charged with any crime.

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GHURA: 18 subpoenas since July

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He would not comment on the nature of the investigation.

"It would be inappropriate for me to comment on the investigation at this point," Duenas said.

A few agents wearing their signature FBI emblazoned uniforms were at the offices. Authorities were seen letting certain employees out and then locking the door to GHURA's main entrance.

As of 7 p.m. Friday, investigators remained inside the locked building. Office lights remained on.

Investigators could be seen working inside through a second floor window.

The federally funded local government-housing agency has been served 18 federal subpoenas since July last year.

Duenas previously confirmed to PDN that the housing agency started receiving subpoenas last July, and the most recent subpoena was served to GHURA late last month.

"We are cooperating with the investigators," Duenas has said in a recent interview.

Some of the earlier federal subpoenas sought documents related to the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program that GHURA administers.

Under the program, GHURA was allowed to let a local company develop multiple housing units and claim millions of dollars in federal tax credits on those developments. The developer was also allowed to resell the tax credits, to other busi-



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nesses that owed federal taxes, Pacific Daily News has previously learned.

In another investigation in May last year, the U.S. Housing and Urban Development, which provides most of the government of Guam's cash for public housing programs, requested that GHURA repay almost \$2 million in questioned spending of HUD funds.

HUD provided GHURA with \$42 million in fiscal 2014, mostly

for the housing needs of thousands of Guam families who can't pay for an apartment or house rental, and water and power bills on their own.

The federal housing agency had also asked GHURA to:

» repay \$577,626 that was paid to attorney Mark Smith because of his conflict as legal counsel to GHURA and as landlord to several of GHURA's low-income clients and

» repay \$1.4 million to HUD

because the money was supposed to pay toward a GHURA building that wasn't built.

Smith is a former brother-in-law of the governor.

Money not repaid

Duenas said in June last year that GHURA still had that money, but the local agency has taken a position that GHURA can use it for any housing-related purpose. GHURA hasn't repaid the money.

In March this year, a GHURA employee who worked as a housing specialist, Antonia Mayo San Nicolas, pleaded guilty in the Superior Court of Guam to receiving bribes from certain families who applied for housing rent vouchers.

San Nicolas' bribery case was a result of a joint investigation by the FBI, the Office of the Inspector General for HUD and the Office of the Attorney General of Guam.

In announcing San Nicolas' guilty plea, the local AG's office said specific concerns regarding fraud or corruption involving a HUD-funded program can be shared with the local FBI Guam office at 472-7465, or the Office of the Attorney General at 475-3406, extension 2210.

Board lacks quorum

GHURA's board now lacks a quorum, following the end of the terms for three board members.

HUD had recommended last year that the governor replace the entire GHURA board.

A recent board meeting was the last for board chairman David Sablan and vice chairwoman Rosie Ann Blas, because their terms have ended.

Board member Deanne Torre's term also has expired recently, leaving the board with three board members — Annabel Dancel, Joseph Leon Guerrero and Thomas E.B. Borja.

GHURA's board has seven available seats and must have a minimum of four board members to have a quorum and vote, Duenas said.

Accuser: Documentation 'stonewalled'

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However, Pope Francis recently appointed another archbishop, Savio Tai Fai Hon, to temporarily oversee Guam's Catholic Church while the allegations are investigated. Apuron currently remains Guam's archbishop.

Concepcion, who now lives in Prescott, Arizona, said the priest at the Father Duenas Boys Chapel in Chalan Pago was the first priest to offer and seek prayers for "victims of abuses." A Mass for the alleged victims was held Friday at the chapel. Other Apuron accusers also attended.

"We all need prayers," said the mother.

Before her son, Joseph A. Quinata, died 11 years ago, she said he confided in her that Apuron molested him when he was an altar boy in Agat. Apuron, at the time, was parish priest of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

"Now I look around and there's so much love," she said. "I was afraid to come forward, I didn't know what to do and then I look around, it looks like I did

the right thing, this was what my son wanted."

Concepcion said she kept looking at her son's old photo during Friday's Mass and "it's like he has a grin in his face."

That's when she broke down.

Concepcion said if there is an ongoing investigation by the Vatican into allegations of sexual abuse by priests in Guam, she hopes she and other victims or their families would be asked about their individual stories.

Father Jeffrey C. San Nicolas, who officiated the Mass at the Father Duenas Boys Chapel in Chalan Pago on Friday, said Archbishop Hon gave his blessing for the Mass to be held after San Nicolas asked his permission.

"And I'm very happy he said it was OK to go forward with the Mass, for the spiritual welfare of those who are suffering," San Nicolas said.

Ashes brought to church

The priest said it was an anniversary memorial Mass for "Sonny," the nickname of Concepcion's deceased son Joseph A. Quinata, and others who are suffering and are victims of

abuse. Sonny's ashes were brought to the church for the Mass.

Walter Denton, who came out publicly this week to say Apuron "raped" him when he was a 13-year-old altar boy in Agat in April 1977, was also at the Mass on Friday. Denton, now 52, lives in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Denton is a graduate of Father Duenas Memorial School.

"So it's good that we can have the Mass here to pray for him and all those who are suffering, victims of abuse, and all those who are going through this hardship right now as a church," said Father San Nicolas.

Deacon Steve Martinez, a former Archdiocese of Agana sexual abuse response coordinator, also was at the Mass. Martinez said he was removed from his post after he told Apuron in 2014 that he violated the Church's own policy in handling sex abuse cases unrelated to recent accusations against Apuron. Members of the Concerned Catholics of Guam group also were at the Mass.

John Toves — the first to publicly accuse Apuron of sexual

abuse when, in 2014, he accused the archbishop of molesting his cousin — said he came to the Mass to also offer prayers for victims of abuses. His cousin has not come forward.

"A lot of the documentation that I had initiated was stonewalled within the Chancery and never made it pass through the proper channels," he said.

Just like Concepcion, Toves said no one from the Vatican or the Archdiocese of Agana reached out to him since 2014 to ask specific questions about accusations of sexual abuse against Apuron.

"I have no doubt Doris Concepcion will be contacted, I have no doubt. I'm sure they will contact her in Arizona. There's a lot that's happened and it started many years ago here on the island," he added.

A bishop in Arizona, meanwhile, contacted Denton, about three months after sending a letter to the Vatican in August 2015, which stated that Apuron raped him in April 1977.

Denton said he's not sure whether the Vatican's decision this week to temporarily remove Apuron as administrator

of the Archdiocese of Agana was a result of his August 2015 letter or the recent allegations of sexual abuse brought by other individuals.

Roy Quintanilla, a former Agat resident now living in Hawaii, also came forward in May to say Apuron molested him when he was an altar boy in Agat in the 1970s. It is not known whether Quintanilla heard from the Vatican or the Archdiocese of Agana since his public statement and personal letter to Apuron.

Another allegation

Toves said he hopes other victims of priest abuse come forward, but he said it is understandable if they don't because of trauma and fear.

He said he and others have reached out to his cousin but there is no telling whether he will come forward just like Quintanilla, Denton and Quinata's mother, Doris Concepcion.

Toves said there's at least one other individual, along with his wife, who reached out to him in 2014 and said Apuron and another priest molested him while he was an altar boy in Chalan Pago.