GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT IAS CASE NO. 07-079, UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE TAMUNING PRECINCT CASE

On September 6, 2007, Internal Affairs Section launched an investigation of Unsatisfactory Performance against four Tamuning Precinct officers.

The Internal Affairs complaint came about as a result of a follow-up investigation conducted by the Juvenile Investigations Section relative to the arson of the former Hong Kong Restaurant and two stolen vehicle cases preliminarily handled by Tamuning precinct personnel.

The officer-in-charge of JIS had informed the officer-in-charge of Internal Affairs that certain minors were brought to JIS for questioning regarding the arson and stolen vehicle cases. The minors made statements alleging that certain officers of Tamuning Precinct were involved in soliciting to engage in prostitution with females, buying alcoholic beverage and tobacco products for minors, and allowing individuals to smoke marijuana in their presence.

JIS conducted the follow-up investigation and subsequently referred the case to the AG's Office for their review and disposition.

The Internal Affairs investigation was completed but is in a final review process. It appears that the case will be sustained against two officers for administrative violations of a particular section of the General Orders of the Guam Police Department. The manner in which the officers handled the preliminary investigations of the stolen vehicles is at issue. There is no credible evidence to support the allegations that the officers committed the crimes of soliciting to engage in prostitution, buying alcoholic beverage and tobacco products for minors, and official misconduct in allowing any person to use any illegal substance in their presence.