# **GMHA** given 10 days to respond to petition for retirement fund payment

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The Superior Court has given the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority 10 days to respond or show cause for its inability to make timely payments to the Government of Guam Retirement

During a hearing Monday on the petition for writ of mandate filed by the retirement fund's trustees, the hospital's legal counsel, Rachel Taimanao-Ayuyu, said, "We would ask that the court consider - as has been requested in the petition - that the alternative writ be issued so that the hospital may have an opportunity to answer or show cause within a few days.

In its petition, the retirement fund board is asking the court to order GMH officials "to perform its legal and ministerial duties by remitting to the fund all contributions" that are owed.

According to Taimanao-Ayuyu, the 10 days would provide an opportunity for the hospital to provide the court with information on the status of the retirement fund contributions and other information

Attorney Vincent Camacho, who represents the retirement fund's trustees, objected to the hospital's request.

"As counsel said, they do not contend or contradict the fact that they do owe this money. They are well informed by the retirement fund as to the status of the payments every single pay period," Camacho said, adding that this includes new and accrued interest to the fund.

Camacho told the court there are GMH employees who are eligible for retirement but are unable to do so because of the hospital's unpaid contributions to the fund. He said most people who are eligible to retire at the end of the fiscal year, which is Sept. 30.

"We do not have a true picture of how many are going to be affected, except for the information that there will be employees who will retire in September. If the court grants us that 10 days it will still be within the month of September," Taimanao-Ayuyu said.

According to the petition for writ of mandate filed by the retirement fund, GMHA owed around \$2.6 million as of the July letter, plus penalties and interest. The amount owed included employer contributions.

GMH remitted around \$1 million to the fund in August, Camacho told the court that the hospital made additional payments of around \$511,000 earlier

"Until they are current, then no one can retire," Camacho told the court.

Public Law 28-38 requires full remittance of defined benefit and defined contribution employee and employer contributions, inclusive of interest and penalties, for the current fiscal year, before the fund can accept retirement applications from a government agency or department.

Judge Vernon Perez granted the 10-day request and ordered all parties to return to court Sept. 27.

### Man accused of damaging vehicles, public drunkenness

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**Guam Police Department officers** arrested 25-year-old Masios los, who was charged with two third-degree felony counts of criminal mischief after his alleged involvement in damaging vehicles traveling through Dededo on Saturday.

los is also known as Mas Yaqui or Mas Ypw. court documents state.

According to a Superior Court of Guam's magistrate complaint, two cars were traveling along Lada Avenue when los allegedly stood in the middle of the street. Trying to avoid him, the court document states, the vehicle swerved while los "proceeded to run forward and jump into the vehicle, damaging the front windshield area."

The court documents add that as the car made a U-turn to drive away. los threw rocks at it while a woman he was with threw a metal stick at one of the passengers, allegedly hitting him in the leg.

A driver in a second car traveling in the vicinity also reported around the same time that "he heard a loud bang on the passenger side of his vehicle which made him stop to check for damage," court documents state.

Court documents state that he "noted a dent and some scratches below the front passenger side door that had not been there prior to him operating the vehicle," and that he saw los standing in the road.

When police located los, court documents state, he was "lying on his back without a shirt and wearing dark blue shorts and did not want to stand up."

The officer detected a strong odor of an intoxicating beverage from his breath, court documents state. tos was also charged with public

The woman allegedly with los during the first altercation who struck the passenger with a metal stick, Tia Pison, 23, was charged with misdemeanor assault.

# Murder suspect remains held on \$100,000 bail

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Murder suspect Jonathan Pangelinan will remain held on \$100,000 bail and will not be released to a thirdparty custodian until his attorney can provide evidence showing he will not flee Guam.

Court documents state the decision "declining to rule" was reached Thursday by Judge Michael Bordallo.

Pangelinan has been jailed since late March after he was taken into custody following a Mes CHamoru celebration at the Atkins Kroll complex in Tamuning, where he allegedly fatally assaulted a relative and coworker, Leebrick Manglona, 35,

The court document further states that on June 26 Bordallo ruled Pangelinan would not be released, based on the evidence.

"There is too great a possibility of the defendant fleeing Guam if he is released to a third-party custodian."

Pangelinan's attorney and public defender Stephen Hattori asked the court to reconsider two days later and the court said it would "if he could

produce something different to reassure the court that he was not a flight risk, in particular in terms of his relationship with his father."

On July 9, Hattori submitted statements in support of Pangelinan's release to third-party custodians, "but failed to address the flight risk in light of the father's statement to the victim's mother," court documents state.

The court's decision states that Manglona's mother received a phone call from Pangelinan's father on or about May 14 in which she stated that Pangelinan's father apologized for what his son did and stated that the father said if Pangelinan was released, the father would fly Pangelinan to California.

That statement caused Manglona's mother to alert the attorney general's office the next day, the document states.

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## GUAM BOARD OF **MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

#### Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 4:00 PM

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