

Meth dealer in 'trap house' bust gets 5 years in prison

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A man described in court records as the “main man” or “main pusher” at a Dededo “trap house” tied to methamphetamine distribution was sentenced on Monday to five years in prison.

Gerald Baldeviso Porte, also known as Gerald Fortie or “Forty” or “40,” was sentenced nearly two years after a 2024 investigation linked him to multiple drug sales.

Superior Court Judge Vernon Perez handed down Porte’s sentence of 60 months in prison, the maximum term under his plea agreement.

Porte, 49, pleaded guilty in January to possession of a Schedule II controlled substance with intent to deliver.

He and three others, Daison Teiuo Ludwig, Russell Quindo Calpatura Jr. and Stacy Marie Cepeda Pocaique, were arrested on Oct. 3, 2024, following a weeks-long surveillance operation at a Dededo property investigators identified as a suspected drug distribution site.

Porte served about 18 to 19 months in custody at the Department of Corrections and may reduce his sentence by up to 12 months if he completes the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program.

“I made a mistake. I can’t take that back,” Porte told the court on Monday. “I’m seeking treatment right now, to get back on it. Get back on there. I’ll get any treatment I can get, help or even admit myself to the application.”

‘Source’ of meth

At sentencing, prosecuting attorney Nicholas Joseph Ennis told the judge that the government seeks the maximum 60-month term under the plea agreement.

“This is not a simple possession case. Your honor, the defendant was identified by multiple individuals as a source of methamphetamine,” he said. “He admitted to selling the drug to officers.”

Ennis pointed to packaged methamphetamine and a scale recovered during the investigation, which he said indicated ongoing distribution under Guam law.

He argued a lower sentence would diminish the seriousness of the offense and fail to protect the public.

The attorney also said methamphetamine distribution continues to cause

significant harm on Guam.

“While the defendant has limited criminal history, leniency is already reflected in the posture of this case,” Ennis told the court. “He originally faced up to 15 years in prison for the single charge he’s pleading to and the current range treats him more like a first offender, even with that consideration. Your honor, the nature of this conduct warrants a custodial sentence for those reasons, the people respectfully request five years in prison.”

‘He took responsibility’

Defense attorney Brycen Breazeale asked the court to impose 19 months, arguing Porte should be released with parole supervision.

Breazeale said multiple factors supported a lower sentence, including acceptance of responsibility.

“Mr. Porte should have the benefit of the minimum sentence, notwithstanding that he’s facing zero to five [years], but he’s already done a year and a half in DOC,” he said. “The first is his level of accountability. Your honor, not only has he pled guilty in this case, he did not use the government’s resources to fight this case at trial. He took responsibility for his actions.”

Breazeale said Porte worked with authorities during the execution of the search warrant in September 2024.

“He gave them the information they were looking for. He wrote a written statement. He explained his role in these allegations and that cooperation should weigh in favor of a lower sentence,” he said.

He also pointed to Porte’s background and criminal record, stating he has lived on Guam for most of his

adult life and has had only one misdemeanor conviction from 2001.

“He has objectively been a law-abiding member of our community. He’s had jobs, he has family support, he’s stayed out of trouble,” Breazeale said.

He argued maximum sentences should be reserved for repeat offenders who have demonstrated that lower penalties are not effective.

“That’s not the position that Mr. Porte is in,” he said. “Aside from that 2001 misdemeanor conviction that’s listed in the [Pre-Sentencing Report], he has a completely clean record,” he said. “That law abiding behavior for the last 49 years absolutely weighs in favor of the court providing a sentence closer to the minimum.”

He described the case as non-violent and low-level, saying there was no indication Porte posed a physical danger.

Breazeale also argued the case involved a small amount of methamphetamine, saying the evidence showed a sale of one gram for \$20. He described the conduct as limited and not similar to large-scale drug trafficking.

“To impose the maximum sentence, your honor respectfully, would be to ignore that there are so many cases involving higher levels of drug distribution they get favorable treatment by the Attorney General’s Office or by the Superior Court,” he said. “And this is the lowest possible case on the totem pole.”

Breazeale asked the court to find that the 18 months Porte has already served is sufficient punishment.

Broader impact of meth use

While Perez acknowl-

edged Porte’s limited criminal history, he said it did not lessen the severity of the offense.

“The charge that you admitted to is one of the most serious charges we have in Guam’s laws today,” the judge said. “And the court’s aware that the government, the Legislature has really changed the law a bit, attempting to perhaps make even more stiff or tough, if you will, the types of sentences that are available for charges such as yours.”

Perez also referenced the broader impact of methamphetamine use on the island.

“For all my years on the court, this war on drugs has been fought, seemingly by the government, by perhaps others, other divisions of the government,” he said. “Even if one person who is in receipt of something that you may have distributed finds their way to some criminal activity, even if not criminal activity, finding themselves being that much less productive as an individual in the community, you’re having a tremendous effect.”

He then imposed the maximum sentence under the plea agreement.

“Your lawyer is correct. I cannot suspend any portion of a five-year sentence, however, a reduction may be acquired by you if you do get treatment,” he said, referring to RSAT.


“To that extent, the term of 60 months or five years will be the technical sentence, with the caveat for the opportunity for a deduction to 48 months in the event you successfully complete the RSAT program,” he said.

Breazeale objected to a \$10,000 fine in the plea agreement, arguing the court must determine ability to pay.

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Proof of Publications
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Treasurer’s Report
- VII. HPL Administrator’s Report
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. The Practice Act Revision (TPA) – ongoing discussion
 - b. Rules and Regulations Proposed Revision 2.0 – ongoing discussion
 - c. Complaint GBEO-CO-2025-001
 - d. Initial Application by Endorsement
- IX. New Business
 - a. Clinic Inspections
- X. Next Board Meeting
- XI. Adjournment

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