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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SECURES CONVICTION IN ZONING BRIBERY CASE, UPDATES ON ONGOING MISCONDUCT IN PUBLIC OFFICE CASE, AND REINFORCES COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING CORRUPTION

Office of the Attorney General, Saipan – The Office of the Attorney General announces that on October 17, 2025, Xiajun Ning was convicted of attempting to bribe Zoning officials with \$1,500 in cash after failing to obtain the required building permits at any point prior to and during construction.

Ning was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, suspended, and ordered to pay \$4,500 in fines plus additional court fees. She will also serve two years of supervised probation. As part of her sentence, Ning must obtain all required licenses and permits from the relevant government agencies before completing construction of her buildings.

“Our office remains committed to protecting the integrity of government institutions and ensuring that public processes are free from corruption,” says Attorney General Manibusan. The OAG extends its appreciation to former Zoning Administrator Theresita Ogumoro, Zoning Chief Enforcement Officer Yubert Alepuyo, and Zoning Enforcement Officer Perry Borja for their cooperation and professionalism throughout the investigation and prosecution.

In another matter, the case against Teresita Camacho who along with other defendants who were charged with misconduct in public office has been continued to February 26, 2026 at 1:30 PM, when a status conference will be held before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

On October 17, 2025 the court issued an arrest warrant for Teresita Camacho, who currently resides outside the Commonwealth and has failed to appear before the court, either personally or through legal counsel. This case remains outstanding and will be heard when Ms. Camacho or her attorney appears to answer the charge against her at which point the warrant may be quashed.

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Attorney General Manibusan states, “The Office of the Attorney General reaffirms its commitment to upholding the rule of law and promoting accountability in public service. Our Office expresses its gratitude to the public for their continued trust and support.”

The Office of the Attorney General remains steadfast in its mission to uphold the rule of law while promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance throughout the Commonwealth.

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