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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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3 **THE PEOPLE OF GUAM,**)

4 **Plaintiff,**)

5 **vs.**)

6 **JOHN RYAN PALACIOS WHITE,**)

7 **Defendant.**)

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CRIMINAL CASE NO. CF0019-25

**DECISION AND ORDER:
ON DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR
RELEASE ON HIS OWN PERSONAL
RECOGNIZANCE**

9 This matter came before MAGISTRATE JUDGE SEAN E. BROWN on April 23, 2025

10 on a hearing to address Defendant's Modification for Release on his own Personal Recognizance.

11 Attorney Christian Spotanski represented Defendant. Assistant Attorney General Dante

12 Harootunian represented the People of Guam. The Court ruled from the bench denied Defendant's

13 motion. After having heard the Parties' arguments, considering the Parties' pleadings and the

14 record, the Court now issues the following written Decision and Order documenting the ruling.

BACKGROUND

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16 Defendant filed the motion on February 25, 2025. The People of Guam then filed an

17 Opposition on March 7, 2025.

DISCUSSION

I. Courts Considerations

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20 The Court looks to statutory guidance provided under 8 GCA §§ 40.15 and 40.20 when

21 deciding the issue of release conditions. In consideration of the request, the Court learned that

22 Defendant is being held in several other criminal cases. Defendant's other criminal cases were

23 charged in 2016, 2017 and 2018 and have yet to be closed. The inability for Defendant to close

24 out the older cases indicates to the Court that Defendant will not comply with Court orders. Even

25 more concerning, Defendant had active warrants for the prior criminal cases when he allegedly

26 committed this new violent offense.

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1 As a result, the Court will not permit the release of Defendant without Third Party
2 Custodian, Electronic Monitoring or at minimum, the posting of a cash bail. The Cour previously
3 lowered the required cash bail to \$500.00 which is appropriate for this case considering the
4 charges and potential jail term.

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6 **CONCLUSION**

7 The Court, therefore, DENIES Defendant's Motion.

8 So ORDERED this 23rd day of April, 2025.

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12 HONORABLE SEANE BROWN
13 MAGISTRATE JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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28 Antonio J. Carr
Deputy Clerk, Superior Court of Guam