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10	COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS,	CRIMINAL CASE NO. 02-0257(D)
11	Plaintiff,))
12	v.	ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S
13	ALFRED CRUZ ALDAN,	MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION
14	Defendant.))
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16	This matter came before the Court on October 1, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. for Alfred Cruz Aldan's (c	
17	Defendant) Motion to Reconsider certain motions which the Court denied on September 20, 2002 in a written	
18	order and decision. The Commonwealth was represented by Clyde Lemons, Jr., Assistant Attorney General	
19	Defendant appeared with counsel, Robert B. Goldberg, Esq.	
20	Defendant filed his Motion for Reconsideration on September 23, 2002. At that time, Defendant	
21	represented that he had not received, and was not aware of, the Court's order and ruling denying Defendant's	
22	motions on September 20, 2002. Therefore, Defendant filed the Motion for Reconsideration requesting the	
2324	Court to issue a written ruling on the motions.	
25	At the time of the October 1 hearing, Defendant had received the Court's written decision on the	
26	motions subject to his motion for reconsideration. However, Defendant still wished to present oral argumen	
27	supporting his motion to reconsider and the Court allowed him to proceed.	
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The motions presented for reconsideration are: (1) Defendant's Motion for Continuance (filed September 9, 2002); (2) Defendant's Motion for Bill of Particulars (filed August 28, 2002); and (3) Defendant's Motion Re: Evidence at Preliminary Examination (filed September 5, 2002).

1. <u>Motion for Continuance</u>

The Motion for Continuance was denied as untimely and since this case is now before another Judge, there is nothing before this Court to continue. Therefore, the motion to reconsider the Court's ruling on the motion for continuance is moot.

2. <u>Motions for Bill of Particulars and Evidence at Preliminary Examination</u>

With respect to the defendant's Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's ruling on his Motion for Bill of Particulars and Motion Re: Evidence of Preliminary Examination, the Court allowed Defendant to present oral argument on October 1, to supplement his oral argument of September 10, 2002. However, the Court, after hearing Defendant's arguments and reviewing the file in this matter, is not persuaded that it should change, alter or amend its decision denying the motion on September 20, 2002.

This Court, like many courts, does not readily entertain motions to reconsider its orders in criminal matters. Although this Court has "inherent authority' to decide motions for reconsideration or rehearing of orders in criminal proceedings, even when there is no statute authorizing such motions," *United States v. Barragan-Mendoza*, 174 F.3d 1024, 1028 (9th Cir. 1999)(citations omitted), this Court will exercise its authority to reconsider orders in criminal proceedings only in rare instances.

SO ORDERED this 2nd day of October 2002.

/s/ David A. Wiseman DAVID A. WISEMAN, Associate Judge