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**FOR PUBLICATION**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FOR THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

<b>COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS,</b>	)	<b>CRIM. CASE NO. 12-0098/03-0010</b>
	)	
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	<b>ORDER REJECTING GLOBAL PLEA</b>
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>AGREEMENT</b>
	)	
<b>VICENTE OLOPAI TAGABUEL,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	
	)	

This matter came before the Court on January 27, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 220A for sentencing.

On January 29, 2013, the Commonwealth and Defendant Vicente Tagabuel filed a Global Plea Agreement. The same day, Defendant Tagabuel entered guilty pleas to the offenses of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon in violation of 6 CMC § 1204(a) in Criminal Case 12-0098, and Disturbing the Peace in violation of 6 CMC § 3101(a) in Criminal Case 03-0010, appearing before Presiding Judge Naraja in Courtroom 202A. The Court entered judgment against Defendant Tagabuel, but deferred sentencing and the decision concerning acceptance or rejection of the plea agreement until after the completion of a presentencing investigation report.

The sentencing was originally scheduled for April 16, 2013 at 1:30 p.m., but that hearing was vacated and rescheduled several times. On January 14, 2014, this matter was reassigned to Associate Judge Camacho.

1 Rule 11(e) of the Commonwealth Rules of Criminal Procedure governs plea agreement  
2 procedure. The proposed Global Plea Agreement in this case was entered into pursuant to Rule  
3 11(e)(1)(C), which allows the attorney for the government to “agree that a specific sentence is the  
4 appropriate disposition of the case.” Upon notice of the existence of a Rule 11(e)(1)(C) plea  
5 agreement, the Court “may accept or reject the agreement, or may defer its decision as to the  
6 acceptance or rejection until there has been opportunity to consider the presentence report.” NMI R.  
7 Crim. P. 11(e)(2).

8 In this matter, the decision concerning the acceptance or rejection of the plea agreement was  
9 deferred. This Court has reviewed the plea agreement and the presentencing report and finds that  
10 the proposed agreement does not meet the standards of this Court and the CNMI community as the  
11 term of imprisonment imposed on Defendant under the Global Plea Agreement is two years, a  
12 fraction of the possible maximum sentence allowed for the crimes at issue. In rejecting this plea  
13 agreement, the Court notes that at the time of the commission of at least one of the offenses,  
14 Defendant Tagabuel was a Police Sergeant with the Department of Public Safety, and that both  
15 offenses involved the use of a dangerous weapon.

16 Accordingly, the proposed Global Plea Agreement is rejected.

17 **IT IS SO ORDERED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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JOSEPH N. CAMACHO  
Associate Judge