

ILLEGAL ENTRY

2022 Association of Terminal Operators, Stevedoring, and Shipping Companies of Micronesia (ATOSSCOM) 47th Annual Conference December 5-6, 2022

<u>Illegal Customs Entry from the CNMI</u>

- 85 Number of Passenger CQA has processed as of November 14, 2022
- 10 small craft vessels seized
- 3 inflatable dinghies seized
- 55 Passengers encountered with vessel abandoned on the reef, beach, or a pier 25 Passengers encountered with no vessel detected (Drop Off)
- 9 Boat owners/operators charged locally for violations of Guam Customs Entry laws
- 10 Passengers charged Federally by Homeland Security Investigations and extradited to Saipan
- 8 Passengers charged Federally by Homeland Security Investigations pending arrest

Guam Customs entry violators

- Legal entrants into the United States admitted entry by USCBP in Saipan, CNMI through the CNMI Waiver program for tourism and foreign labor
- Explained they were seeking asylum in the United States upon arrival in Saipan
- Made the trip to Guam to continue pursuit of asylum and for employment reasons

GUAM CUSTOMS RESPONSE TO INCREASED ILLEGAL ENTRIES

- June 9, 2022 Guam Customs attended Drone Demonstration and Drone Pilot instructions by Bella Wings Aviation
- Bella Wings Aviation assisted Guam Customs with UAV Surveillance on at least three occasions
- Drone acquisition included in this year's Port Security Grant request
- Dispatched MITF and MARCET units via SAFE Boat and Impact Patrol Vessel
- Briefed Governor Leon Guerrero on the growing illegal entry problem
- MARCET and MITF perform eastern shores coastal observations effective 6-21-2022

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- Assignment of Customs Officers to Hagatna Boat Basin and roving surveillance of shoreline from Ritidian Beach to Hagtana Boat Basin
- Media release requesting public assistance to report suspicious activities
 observed around Guam's reefs and beaches
- Established Multi Agency Law Enforcement inter-island talk group reporting daily vessel movements between CNMI and Guam (Customs, Police, Coast Guard, and Guam Homeland Security)
- MITF and MARCET enlisted surveillance support of commercial ocean cargo transporters between Guam and CNMI
- Liaised with Hagatna Boat Basin Commercial Boat tour operators to report illegal activity
- Meeting conducted between Guam Office of the Attorney General, the U.S. Attorney General for Guam and CNMI, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency and the Guam Police Department

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- Formulation of GovGuam Multi Agency Task Force "OPERATION DRAGON BOAT"-Effective August 10, 2022
 - Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency
 - Guam Police Department
 - Port Authority of Guam
 - Department of Agriculture
 - Office of the Attorney General of Guam
- Execution of "OPERATION LUCKY 8" 9 boats owners/operators arrested and charged with violation of Guam Customs laws.
- Ongoing Multi Agency meetings to maintain awareness of illegal entry situation
- Customs Officer continued UAV training sponsored by Bureau of Statistics and Plans using Aviation Concepts LLC doing business as Tech Center Guam

Illegal Entry Violators charged with the following violations of Guam Law

Violation of Title 5 Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 73, Article I., Subsections as follows

- § 73108. Clearance Requirements,
- § 73110. Manifest
- § 73111. Manifest Delivered to Customs Officer
- § 73115. Place of Unloading
- § 73116. Unloading Prohibition
- § 73117. Unloading Penalties
- § 73126. Examination of Baggage
- §73133. Fines and Penalties (a)(1)(3)(b)(c)

Illegal Entry Violators charged with the following violations of Federal Law

HSI Guam investigated the incursion of Chinese Nationals into Guam

• in violation of 18 USC 371

October 14, 2022 several violators indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands for violations of

- 8 U.S.C. 1324(a) (1)(A)(v)(I)- Conspiracy to Transport Illegal Aliens
- 18 U.S.C.982(a)(6), 8 U.S.C. 1324(b)(1)
- 28 U.S.C. 2461(c) Forfeiture Allegation



OCTOBER 19, 2021

RITIDIAN POINT

ABANDONED VESSEL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY FEDERAL CONSERVATION PERSONNEL NO VIOLATORS DETECTED

APRIL 20, 2022 RITIDIAN POINT

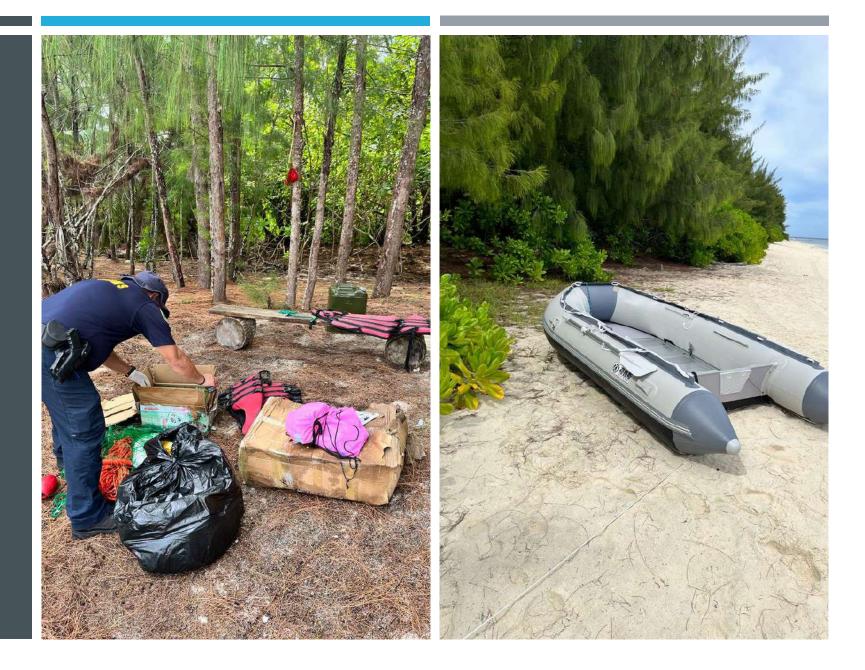
VESSEL SEIZED BY GUAM CUSTOMS TWO INDIVIDUALS DETECTED





MAY 27, 2022 RITIDIAN POINT

VESSEL SEIZED BY GUAM CUSTOMS TWO INDIVIDUALS DETECTED



JUNE 09, 2022

ABANDONED VESSEL OFF TANGUISSON BEACH

VESSEL LEFT IN PLACE NO INDIVIDUALS DETECTED



IMPOUNDED BY GPD SEAS NO INDIVIDUALS DETECTED

JUNE 13, 2022 TUMON BAY (PIC)







JUNE 13, 2022



JUNE 18, 2022 HAGATNA BOAT BASIN

Vessel towed to boat basin due to distressed vessel call

- Witnesses at Boat Basin observed vessel run aground in the Boat Basin area earlier in the afternoon
- 5-6 male individuals of Asian descent swim from the boat to shore and run away once ashore
- Individuals made their way southbound towards Adelup while boat operator heads back out to sea



OTHER CONCERNS

- Build up Military Intelligence / Reconnaissance (China's Island Chain Strategy)
- Terrorism
- Public Health / Communicable Diseases / Biosecurity
- Human Trafficking
 - Slave labor, illegal gambling, and prostitution
- Cheap undocumented labor reduces job opportunities
- Illicit drugs
- Etc.,

QUESTIONS