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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM
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PEOPLE OF GUAM,

v.

JULIUS FONTANILLA ANCHETA,
DOB: 07/05/1967

Defendant.

Criminal Case No. CM0256-25

GPD Report No. 25-19061

DECISION AND ORDER
FINDING DEFENDANT COMPETENT
TO PROCEED TO SENTENCING

INTRODUCTION

This matter came before the Honorable Alberto C. Lamorena, III on June 12, 2026 for a Competency Hearing. Assistant Attorney General Lucas Wood represents the People of Guam, and Assistant Public Defender Chad Enoki represents Julius Fontanilla Ancheta ("Defendant"). Having duly considered the Defendant's Second Forensic Evaluation, the testimony of Dr. Justin Lee, the parties' oral arguments, and the applicable law, the Court now issues the following Decision and Order and **finds Defendant competent to proceed to sentencing.**

BACKGROUND

At his initial arraignment in the above-captioned matter, Defendant pled "not guilty by reason of mental illness, disease, or defect." See Minute Entry (Aug. 7, 2025). A forensic evaluation of Defendant was subsequently performed on August 18, 2025 by Dr. Juan Rapadas of the Client Services and Family Counseling Division of the Superior Court of Guam. See Forensic Evaluation (Aug. 20, 2025). During that evaluation, Dr. Rapadas found Defendant competent to be proceeded against and to be sentenced. Id. at 6.

A trial was held between October 17, 2025 through October 22, 2025 in this Court. The jury found Defendant guilty of Assault (as a Misdemeanor). See Verdict Form (Oct. 22, 2025). Sentencing was scheduled for February 13, 2026. See Stipulation and Order to Continue Sentencing (Jan. 8, 2026).

1 Defendant filed his Motion for Second Forensic Evaluation on February 13, 2026. Defense
2 counsel believes Defendant is incompetent to be sentenced based on recent interactions between the
3 two. See Motion for Second Forensic Evaluation at 2-3 (Feb. 13, 2026). A second forensic evaluation
4 of Defendant was subsequently performed by Dr. Justin Lee, an expert neuropsychologist at
5 Momentum Psychological Services on April 27, 2026. See Forensic Evaluation at 1 (May 4, 2026).

6 The Court held a Competency Hearing on June 12, 2026. After hearing the testimony of Dr.
7 Justin Lee, as well as the parties' oral arguments, the Court took the matter under advisement. See
8 Minute Entry (Jun. 12, 2026).

9 DISCUSSION

10 "A defendant is incompetent to be sentenced if, as a result of mental illness, disease or defect,
11 he is unable (1) to understand the nature of the proceedings, (2) to understand the charge of which he
12 has been convicted, (3) to understand the nature and extent of the sentence imposed upon him or, (4)
13 to assist and cooperate with counsel. See 9 G.C.A. § 7.37(b).
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15 It is clear that Defendant does not fall into any of the above four categories. The evidence put
16 forward suggests that Defendant has the mental acuity to understand: (1) the nature of the proceedings
17 against him, (2) the charge he has been convicted of, and (3) the extent of any sentence imposed upon
18 him. For example, Defendant understood that the assault charge stems from an incident between him
19 and Juanito Marquez on August 2, 2025, and was even able to recall his self-defense claim. See
20 Forensic Evaluation at 3 (May 4, 2026). Defendant also accurately recalled several details about his
21 case including the name of the judge. See Court Recording at 10:49:30am (Jun. 12, 2026).
22 Defendant's ability to recall the incident and share accurate info about the parties involved suggests
23 that Defendant firmly understands the proceedings against him, the charge he has been convicted of,
24 and the extent of any sentence imposed.
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26 Lastly, it is clear that Defendant has the ability to assist and cooperate with counsel. Defendant
27 was able to complete every task Dr. Lee asked of him throughout the forensic evaluation, including
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1 answering questions about his family, medical, employment, and academic histories. See Forensic
2 Evaluation at 4-5 (May 4, 2026). Although Dr. Lee found Defendant “difficult to understand” at
3 times, this is partly due to pronunciation difficulties caused by Defendant’s poor dental health. Id. at
4 8. Although Defendant displayed some incoherent thought patterns, he could always be redirected
5 and engage in effective conversations. Id. at 8. This ability to engage in long stretches of lucid and
6 reasonable conversation suggests Defendant can continue assisting and cooperating with counsel.
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8 It is also noteworthy that Defendant scored “exceptionally low” on a Comprehensive Test of
9 Nonverbal Intelligence, 2nd Edition (“CTONI-2”). See Court Recording at 10:37:00am (Jun. 12,
10 2026). The CTONI-2 evaluates general cognitive functioning, and Defendant’s score suggests he is
11 intellectually disabled. Id. at 10:37:30am. Dr. Lee diagnosed Defendant with schizophrenia. See
12 Forensic Report at 8 (Jun. 12, 2026). This diagnosis was also based on Defendant’s delusional beliefs
13 that he is a messiah and savior of the United States, beliefs which Defendant repeatedly shared
14 throughout the forensic evaluation. See Court Recording at 10:39:30am (Jun. 12, 2026). However,
15 Dr. Lee believes Defendant’s competency can improve following appropriate treatment of his
16 schizophrenia. Id. at 10:58:30am.
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18 Taking all data in total, Defendant is currently competent to be sentenced. As Dr. Lee laid
19 out, Defendant can engage in thoughtful conversation with his attorney, process any legal advice they
20 may provide, and follow along with the court proceedings. These abilities, combined with
21 Defendant’s accurate understanding of the charges and case against him suggests Defendant has no
22 major cognitive weaknesses or mental illnesses preventing him from being sentenced.
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24 CONCLUSION

25 For the reasons stated above, the Court **finds Defendant competent to proceed to sentencing.**
26 Criminal proceedings will continue as originally scheduled.
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1 IT IS SO ORDERED this Septemeber 21, 2020



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4 **HONORABLE ALBERTO C. LAMORENA, III**
5 **Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Guam**
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