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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

THE PEOPLE OF GUAM,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JONATHAN BLAS ALBERTO, JR.,

Defendant.

CRIMINAL CASE NO. CF0580-26

DECISION AND ORDER:
DEFENDANT'S MOTION AND
APPLICATION FOR BAIL
REDETERMINATION HEARING

This matter came before MAGISTRATE JUDGE SEAN E. BROWN on August 20, 2026 at a hearing to address Defendant's Motion and Application for Bail Redetermination. Attorney Peter Sablan represented Defendant. Assistant Attorney General Lucas Wood represented the People of Guam. The Court ruled from the bench denying the motion. Having heard the Parties' arguments, considering the Parties' pleadings and the record, the Court now issues the following written Decision and Order documenting the ruling.

BACKGROUND

Defendant filed the motion on July 29, 2026. The People of Guam opposed the Motion orally on August 20, 2026.

DISCUSSION

I. Courts Considerations

The Court entertained a request by the Defense for release on electronic monitoring, third-party custodian or personal recognizance. Probation submitted an electronic monitoring assessment which deemed Defendant eligible. It appears that the Victim was not consulted prior to the hearing regarding Defendant's potential release.

1 The Court looks to statutory guidance provided under 8 GCA §§ 40.15 and 40.20 when
2 deciding the issue of release conditions. In consideration of the request, the Court learned that
3 the Defendant faces decades in prison if convicted at trial. One of the allegations includes a first-
4 degree felony charge of Kidnapping in addition to the notice of felony on felony release. The
5 charges also include allegations involving violence. The Defendant appears to have a spousal
6 relationship with the Victim. These circumstances make it difficult for the Court to find that
7 Defendant will be safe in the community and the Victim could possibly be at risk if Defendant is
8 not released with adequate supervision and incentives for model behavior. Defendant may also
9 be a flight risk based on the potential period of incarceration. The Court originally required a
10 cash bail of \$10,000.00 before Defendant would be released in this matter, however, the
11 Defendant does qualify for electronic monitoring. The Court finds that a combination of bail and
12 electronic monitoring would likely ensure the safety of the community and Victim.

13 As a result of the above considerations, the Court will not grant Defendant's release at this
14 time. The Court finds that electronic monitoring would be appropriate for Defendant's release in
15 addition to the posting of a lesser cash bail amount. The Court will lower the cash bail required
16 to \$5,000.00 on the basis of Defendant qualifying for electronic monitoring.

17 CONCLUSION

18 The Court, therefore, DENIES Defendant's Motion. However, the Court does lower the
19 cash bail amount to \$5,000.00 and the Defendant could be released on the combination of
20 electronic monitoring and the posting of a \$5,000.00 cash bail.

21 So ORDERED this 21st day of August, 2026.

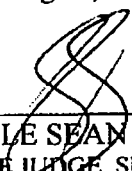
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HONORABLE SEAN E. BROWN
MAGISTRATE JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM