

Judiciary of Guam

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Judiciary Continues Limited Operations

(*Hagåtña*, Guam) — Due to disruption caused by Typhoon Mawar, which has affected utilities, services, and communication among the public, and recognizing that recovery efforts are still underway, the Judiciary of Guam will continue to conduct only urgent proceedings throughout next week.

Court Proceedings

The following matters will continue to be scheduled and heard in keeping with the urgency of those matters and consistent with statutory requirements:

- magistrate proceedings;
- arraignments for in-custody defendants;
- writs of habeas corpus;
- jury selections in asserted criminal matters;
- grand jury proceedings and preliminary hearings;
- preliminary hearings for detained juveniles;
- civil protection orders;
- temporary restraining orders;
- search warrants;
- warrant returns;
- emergency guardianships'
- Persons In Need of Services (PINS) petitions;
- any other locally or federally mandated hearings; and
- any other hearings at the judicial officer's discretion.

All other Supreme Court and Superior Court matters scheduled to be heard during the week of June 5, 2023, through June 9, 2023, will be rescheduled. Parties should contact their lawyers about their rescheduled hearing dates. Jurors are advised to monitor the jury recording system for instructions and to contact the Judiciary's Jury Unit at 671-475-3440/3136 for inquiries.

Transactions

The following in-person services will remain open to the public:

- payment of traffic citations;
- payment of case-related obligations, including bail, restitution, and fines and fees; and
- requests for traffic and court clearances.

Additionally, online services, such as paying for or requesting a traffic or court clearance, continue to be offered by the Judiciary at <u>www.guamcourts.org</u> for those with access.

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