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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement regarding today's Public Hearing for the Guam Police Department's (GPD) FY 2027 Budget Request:

“The women and men of our Guam Police Department are guardians of public safety as they work hard every day to maintain law and order. The Public Safety Committee will continue working closely with the Finance Committee to ensure through the Government of Guam’s annual budget process that these public servants have the necessary resources to support additional police officer recruits, expand police presence across our villages, and address the department’s deteriorating Crime Lab HVAC System.

The Public Safety Committee is grateful for the partnership developed with Chief Stephen Ignacio and his team since the beginning of the legislative term. The Committee has demonstrated during the past 15 months that members will push forward with measures benefiting our police department and the broader public safety and law enforcement community. These measures include policies prioritizing unused public land for an additional Police Precinct in northern Guam and a Public Safety Emergency Communications Center, Temporary POST Commission Certification for eligible applicants, and much-needed improvements to our emergency reporting system in support of police and fire services.

The Public Safety Committee is recommending several amendments to the FY 2027 Budget Bill including funding proposals for critical improvements to GPD's Crime Lab HVAC System and a Police Precinct in Yigo consistent with GPD's ongoing efforts on these priorities. If approved, these resources will go a long way in supporting the hardworking GPD uniformed and civilian employees as they protect life and property and enforce laws across our communities.”

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