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**The Office of the Attorney General issued an Official Public Statement
regarding the Clarification on Judgement in Criminal Case No.2025-3500**

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Yap FM - Yesterday, January 28th, the Office of the Attorney General issued an Official Public Statement regarding Clarification on Judgement in Criminal Case No.2025-3500.

DISCLAIMER: This statement is issued solely for the purpose of providing factual clarity ensuring transparency regarding the final judgment issued by the FSM Supreme Court. It does not constitute a legal opinion, a personal commentary, or a formal position on the merits of the court's decision. The public is cautioned not to misinterpret this information as an endorsement or criticism of the judicial outcome, but rather as an official record of the case's status and the terms of the defendant's release.

The public is strictly cautioned against taking any private action, engaging in harassment, or making threats against the defendant. The defendant still maintains basic protections and legal rights afforded to all individuals within the state.

As a matter of great public interest, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) provides this statement to clarify the recent judgment of conviction for Young Huang, entered on October 27, 2025, by the Trial Division of the Federated States of Micronesia Supreme Court in Yap. A matter prosecuted by the Federated States of Micronesia Department of Justice under Federated States of Micronesia laws.

The OAG wishes to clarify the specific terms of the court's judgment to ensure public understanding of the defendant's current status:

No House Arrest: The defendant is not under house arrest.

Dismissed Charges: The court dismissed Counts II (Trafficking), IV (Miscellaneous Customs Offenses), V (Conspiracy to Commit Unsworn Falsification), and VI (Fraudulent Practices)

Suspended Sentence: The court sentenced the defendant to:

- a) one (1) year of imprisonment for Count I - possession of a controlled substance); and
- b) one (1) year for Count III (customs/importation offenses related to drugs)

These were to be served concurrently. The court further ordered that these jail terms be entirely suspended.

Probation: In lieu of active jail time, the defendant has been placed on probation. His primary conditions are to obey all laws, pay a \$2,000.00 fine by October 31, 2025, and remain in Yap unless granted court permission to travel.

Travel for Medical Treatment: The court has explicitly authorized the release of his passport for expected medical treatment in China in January 2026.

This conviction follows an investigation by the FSM National Police into the importation of a package falsely labeled as containing building blocks and toys, which was found to contain approximately 2,000 pills. Laboratory testing confirmed these pills were laced with fentanyl.

The Office of the Attorney General has sent queries to the FSM Department of Justice regarding this matter. The Office of the Attorney General fully understands the extreme seriousness of drug-related offenses and the devastating impacts they can have on our State. The Office of the Attorney General and the Division of Public Safety, is treating this situation with the utmost gravity. We have intensified surveillance efforts and operational strategies for any illicit drugs on the island. Alongside this, they are also reviewing our current penal code in relation to Drug control for necessary changes and updates.

(For more information, please contact the Office of the Attorney General at 350-2105)

Fentanyl seizure in Yap still under investigation

Yap Government

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Yap FM - Authorities continue to investigate the seizure of fentanyl discovered in an incoming shipment to Yap State last year, raising concerns over the presence of the highly lethal illegal drug in the state.

According to the FSM National Police, Yap Branch, the fentanyl was intercepted on April 22, 2025. An arrest and possible prosecution followed the seizure, but officials say the investigation remains ongoing as authorities work to determine how the drug entered Yap State and who may be responsible.

A source familiar with the case, who requested anonymity for personal reasons, said the individual or individuals

involved may face additional criminal charges. The source also indicated that deportation is a possible outcome, depending on the findings of the investigation.

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that has contributed to a growing number of overdose deaths worldwide. Law enforcement agencies report that the drug is primarily manufactured in clandestine laboratories in Mexico operated by transnational criminal organizations. These organizations commonly use precursor chemicals sourced from China to produce the drug.

Authorities have not released further details, citing the ongoing nature of the investigation.

