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**LIFE SENTENCE FOR KILLER IN 1992 MURDER OF NAVY EXCHANGE CASHIER**

HONOLULU-Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that Jenaro Torres, who was convicted of killing a Navy Exchange Cashier Ruben Gallegos in 1992, was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Michael A. Town. Deputy Attorney General Susan Won requested, and the court granted, that Torres serve a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years for using a revolver in the commission of the murder. Torres must serve at least 15 years before he will be eligible for parole. The request to impose the mandatory minimum sentence was based upon the fact that the crime was a heinous and premeditated murder of a naïve and innocent person.

This case was the first cold case murder prosecuted since the inception of the Cold Case Unit within the Department of the Attorney General in 2005. The Cold Case Unit was established to investigate and prosecute cold homicide cases throughout the state and to develop a statewide, coordinated approach to cold homicide investigations.

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