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NEWS RELEASE

Snake found on ship coming to Guam

Piti, Guam, June 30, 2023: Port employees found a snake inside a cargo hold on a container ship that was being discharged last night.

At 8p.m. last night Port stevedores were below deck on Bay 18 of the container vessel CMA CGM Herodote when they discovered a snake. The vessel arrived on Guam yesterday morning from Saipan.

“Our Port employees immediately notified officials at Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture of what they had found and sent photos and video of the snake,” said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio.

Guam Customs and USDA arrived at 10:05 p.m. and brought their dogs to try and locate the snake but were unable to find the snake.

Respicio noted that vessel operations continued except for a pause in Bay 18 as Guam Customs and USDA were trying to locate the snake.

Guam Customs and USDA officials left the Port at 1:15 a.m. this morning and indicated that although the snake could not be located, they were able to identify the snake through the photos and videos as a brown tree snake.

Vessel operations

Two ships – the Kota Ratu and the Herodote – finished operations at the Port. Port employees discharged a total of 212 containers and loaded 177 containers onto the Kota Ratu. As for the Container Ship CMA CGM Herodote, employees discharged 262 containers and loaded 364 containers onto the ship.

The breakbulk vessel Koga Revolution is scheduled to arrive at 9:30 p.m. tonight. Barge S-2011 will return tomorrow morning from Saipan and the Vehicle Carrier (RO-RO) Cronas Leader will arrive Sunday morning.

Cargo and fuel processed since reopening

The following fuel and cargo commodities have been processed and released into our island community since reopening the Port on Sunday, May 28, 2023:

- 3,054 containers with dry goods;
- 477 refrigerated containers (“reefers”);
- 2,204 bundles of rebar; 2 boxed steel pipes; 75 bundle steel plates;
- 1,184 vehicles;
- 228 units of general cargo;
- 2 excavators, 3 backhoe, 4 trucks, 5 tractors; 2 dump trucks, 3 fuel trucks, 1 drill rig; 3 school bus; 1 bucket truck, 1 flatbed truck, 2 office trailers, 1 trailer, 1 air burner, 3 water tankers, 1 truck screener; 1 modified container; 1 boom lift; 1 fork lift; 1 telehandler; 1 boom truck
- 1 bundle of chassis; and
- 5 barges – fuel operations.