

Whitt busted on sex charge

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The chief of staff for former Gov. Ricardo J. Bordallo was arrested early yesterday morning for criminal sexual conduct and assault of a sailor from the USS San Jose.

John Whitt, 30, of Maite, is expected to appear in a magistrate hearing today at Superior Court, according to Officer Hughe Williams, Guam Police Department spokesman.

Whitt was booked and then released after his attorneys, Lisa Castro and David J. Lujan, appeared at the Central Precinct headquarters early yesterday, Williams said.

"Due to the nature of the case, Whitt was released and ordered not to make any contact with the victim," Williams said.

The sailor reported that he met Whitt at United Service Organizations beach Saturday afternoon and knew him only by his first name. The two men made arrangements to meet at a local nightclub, Williams said.

"Both had a few drinks, apparently too many," Williams said. The man reported that Whitt allegedly offered him a ride home but instead drove to the Plumeria Garden Hotel. Williams said Whitt is a resident of the Maite hotel.

According to Williams, the man said Whitt and he watched a few videos and then fell asleep. The man reported that he suddenly woke up and found Whitt fondling him, Williams said.

The man punched Whitt several times in the face and then ran to the hotel front desk to call the police.

Police officers arrived at the hotel, and used a key given to them by hotel management to enter Whitt's room.