

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on January 22, 2001, in U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, Ernesto V. Magoncia, Tayug, Pangasinan, Republic of the Philippines, was sentenced by Judge Barbara B. Crabb. Magoncia was sentenced to 14 months incarceration, followed by three years supervised release, ordered to pay \$147,904 in restitution and a \$50 special assessment fee. On November 13, 2000, Magoncia plead guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with submitting false or fraudulent claims.

Magoncia was indicted on March 11, 1999, by a Federal Grand Jury on one-count of mail fraud and six-counts of false claims. The investigation disclosed that Magoncia, a retired U.S. Navy veteran, conspired with a Republic of the Philippines doctor in the submission of false claims to TRICARE. The claims were mailed to Wisconsin Physicians Service, Madison, WI, a fiscal intermediary for TRICARE. The total payments for all fraudulent claims were approximately \$147,904.