

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on January 30, 2001, Rogelio Taaca Rosario, Palina Sur, Urdaneta, Pangasinan, Republic of the Philippines, was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Rosario was sentenced to 12 months and a day incarceration, followed by 3-year supervised release, ordered to pay \$183,556 in restitution and ordered to pay a \$50 special assessment fee.

Rosario pleaded guilty to one count of false or fraudulent claims on November 16, 2000. He was indicted on March 11, 1999, by a Federal Grand Jury on eight-counts of mail fraud and one-count of submitting false claims. The indictment was the result of an investigation that disclosed Rosario, a retired U.S. Navy veteran, conspired with a Republic of the Philippines doctor in the submission of approximately 38 false claims to the TRICARE health care program. The fraudulent claims were for Rosario and his dependents. Wisconsin Physicians Service, Madison, WI, a TRICARE fiscal intermediary, received the claims. The total payments to the doctor and/or Rosario, for the fraudulent claims was \$183,556.