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TOURIST SITES VANDALIZED

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Authorities are seeking the public's assistance in identifying individual(s) responsible for vandalizing Banzai Cliff and Grotto between the hours of 5 p.m. last Thursday (June 23) and 9 a.m. on Friday (June 24).

Three metal plaques from monuments and an ornament bowl for incense were stolen at Banzai Cliff. Also, graffiti was spray painted on the Grotto pavilion and water tank. The crimes were discovered by the Marianas Visitors Authority's security guards of G4S Security on Friday morning.

“The desecration of the memorials at Banzai Cliff is shocking,” said MVA Managing Director Perry Tenorio. “This type of disrespect is completely uncharacteristic of our community, and we hope someone will provide information that will allow us to recover this plaques that have been placed by off-island and local groups in memory of the departed.”

Graffiti at Grotto included the initial “A” and “#6.” Community members are encouraged to contact the Dept. of Public Safety if they have an information.



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