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## Official Says North Korean Missile Has “.00001 Percent Chance” of Getting Through Defenses

Guam’s Homeland Security Adviser George Charfauros told reporters on August 9 that Guam is protected by the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile system that is permanently stationed at Andersen Air Force Base on the island. Charfauros assured Guam residents that the system is thoroughly capable of protecting them from the long-range ballistic missiles that North Korea has threatened to fire at the U.S. island territory.



“There’s .00001 percent chance of that missile getting through that layer,” Charfauros told reporters at a news conference, according to Guam-based *Pacific Daily News*.

Charfauros said in a statement posted on the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense Facebook page on August 9:

As of this morning, we have not changed our stance in confidence that the U.S. Department of Defense is monitoring this situation very closely and is maintaining a condition of readiness, daily. We will continue to keep the public updated on any changes or requests for action. For now, we advise the community to remain calm, remember that there are defenses in place for threats such as North Korea and to continue to remain prepared for all hazards.

Charfauros is in regular contact with the federal Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense, reported *Good Morning America*. He has not received any guidance that there is an imminent threat, reported Guam Homeland Security.

*Photo of THAAD test launch*

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