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18 Year-Old Child Molester Convicted

October 09, 2013- Tamuning, Guam- Muki Joseph Redhat Callahan was convicted today of four counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct and five counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct as a first degree felony.

In February 2012, police received a complaint from the mother of the two victims. One victim, who was about 7 years-old at the time, and the other victim, who was just 4 years-old at the time, told police they were both sexually molested by Callahan repeatedly for about a year.

This case exemplifies the collaboration between the local, military and federal authorities, both in law enforcement and victim services. A total of 14 witnesses took the stand, 10 of whom were flown in from off island by either the USA Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL) or the Office of the Attorney General.

The Office of Special Investigations (OSI) conducted nearly all of the investigation related to this case; the USACIL took the DNA samples and tested them, provided the OAG with expert witnesses to take the stand and present trace and DNA evidence; the Guam Police Department effectuated the arrest and their Juvenile Investigation Section collaborated with the USACIL, Healing Hearts offered both support to the OSI and USACIL and provided crucial testimony during trial, and Naval Hospital, specifically Dr. Jones, assisted the victims after the initial report was made and offered vital information while on the witness stand.

“Without the help of all these agencies and organizations, and those in my office who assisted me in every aspect of this case, we would not have a verdict that is in favor of the People. My appreciation for everyone involved in the preparation and execution of this trial,” said Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Vasiliades.

Callahan faces 15 years to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole for each of the 4 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct and 5-20 years imprisonment for one count of second degree criminal sexual conduct. Ultimately, his prison term will be determined by Judge Canto.

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“Credit for the successful prosecution and conviction of this defendant goes to the victims. They were so brave to take the stand... to relive the horrendous molestation that happened to them at such young and tender ages,” said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

“My heart swells with admiration for them. Thank you for standing up against your perpetrator and having a voice, he will be in jail for a long time,” he continued.

Callahan’s sentencing is scheduled for December 16, 2013.

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