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Sentencing Today for Peruvian Native DNA Evidence Secured Guilty Verdict

Hagåtña, Guam- Juan Jose Torres was sentenced today to 8 years imprisonment after he was found guilty of third degree criminal sexual conduct as a second degree felony and two counts of assault with the intent to commit criminal sexual conduct as a third degree felony back in July of last year.

Torres first sexually assaulted his victim when she was 15 years-old. The victim reported the sexual assaults that occurred over a three year period to Guam Police Department (GPD) when she was 18 years-old. GPD immediately took her to Healing Hearts where she was examined and treated. DNA samples were also obtained for testing.

Although the victim has left island, the Office of the Attorney General, with the help of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, was able to bring a DNA expert to Guam to testify on the scientific evidence, which came back a positive match for the defendant.

“Thank you to the FBI for their invaluable assistance in providing DNA testimony and DNA results for this case. I’d also like to give special thanks to the Guam Police Department and Healing Hearts. They followed established protocol, and as a result, we were able to bring this criminal to justice,” said Chief Prosecutor J. Basil O’Mallan III.

Torres, originally from Peru, will be given credit for his time served- which is a little under a year- and he must register as a Level II sex offender.

“The cooperation between the FBI, GPD and my Office was invaluable in this case; I want to thank all parties involved. I have always stressed the need for cooperation across federal and local law enforcement agencies and continue to work towards that goal; I am pleased that this level of cooperation has continued,” said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

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