

LEONARDO M. RAPADAS
Attorney General



PHILLIP J. TYDINGCO
Chief Deputy Attorney General

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Diego Guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct

September 27, 2013- Tamuning, Guam- Successful prosecution by the Office of the Attorney General and thoughtful deliberation by a Superior Court Jury found Warren Peter Diego guilty of second degree criminal sexual conduct as a first degree felony and child abuse as a misdemeanor late yesterday afternoon.

His victim, who was 11 years-old at the time of the incident told her mother, who then confronted Diego.

This case underscores the Attorney General's philosophy of prosecuting cases involving criminal sexual conduct, even after a minor victim or family members delay reporting the crime.

"A criminal defendant should not avoid the arms of justice because he, as an opportunist, preyed on society's most vulnerable victim – a child in fear to come forward immediately," said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Vasiliades, who immediately started another criminal sexual conduct trial the day after closing arguments in this case, said "I'd like to thank the victim and her entire family for their continued support during this entire criminal process. I'd also like to recognize the staff of Healing Hearts and their role in providing services to similar victims, the Guam Police Department and the investigative and support staff of the Office of the Attorney General. "

Sentencing is scheduled for October 23, 2013 where Diego faces anywhere from 5 to 20 years imprisonment.

###

Contact:

Carlina Charfauros
475-3324 ext 5020
ccharfauros@guamag.org