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Messier Found Guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct

Hagatna, Guam-Adam J. Messier was found guilty of second degree criminal sexual conduct as a first degree felony, fourth degree criminal sexual conduct as a misdemeanor and child abuse as a misdemeanor by a Superior Court Jury this afternoon.

Messier's victim- who was 14 at the time- and her sister, arrived at Messier's home to babysit his children one night back in December 2011. Upon returning from a Christmas party, Messier entered the room where his victim, the victim's sister and Messier's children were sleeping. The victim's sister woke to witness Messier touching the victim. After Messier left the room, the victim and her sister immediately phoned their mother, who subsequently picked up.

"I'd like to thank the victim and witnesses for taking the stand over the course of the two week trial. Their bravery and resolve ultimately put this perpetrator behind bars," said Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Heibel.

"I'd also like to thank the jury for serving their civic duty, and to my colleagues for their support throughout this trial," he continued.

"My Office will take all steps necessary to protect our island's children and make sure their voices are heard," said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

Messier faces a maximum of 17 years imprisonment, which will be determined at his sentencing hearing on April 29, 2013. He must register as a level one sex offender and must remain on the registry for life.

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