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### **Power Thief Convicted**

*October 30, 2013- Tamuning, Guam-* Timmy Hernandez Quidachay was convicted of theft of utilities as a third degree felony at around 5:30pm yesterday after stealing power directly from Guam Power Authority's main power line back in April 2011.

Guam Power Authority (GPA) employees Arleen Sagahon and Matthew Manibusan responded to a report of an illegal hookup in the jungle area of Okkodo, Dededo. Quidachay, when confronted by Manibusan, admitted that he was responsible for the illegal connection he crafted by attaching a wire to the main power line and routed to two other homes nearby. Officer Shimizu was dispatched to the site, arrested Quidachay and transported him to the Dededo Precinct.

This kind of illegal connection, according to GPA workers, is extremely dangerous.

"Unfortunately, this is all too common on our island. People like Mr. Quidachay who take power without paying for it inflate electricity costs for honest, hard-working citizens," said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

"Although we don't often see these kinds of cases prosecuted, it is something my office is attempting to change. This conviction will hopefully serve as a warning to others who may be stealing utilities that we will find you and prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law," he continued.

"I would like to thank GPA employees Arleen Sahagon and Matthew Manibusan for their dedication in investigating this case. I would also like to thank Officers Shimizu and Andrew, who assisted in the prosecution of this case," said Assistant Attorney General Gabrielle Rossi, who prosecuted the case.

Quidachay faces up to 3 years behind bars and will be sentenced on November 19, 2013.

This is the second conviction for theft of utilities the OAG has secured this year.

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