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Vincent Chargualaf Perez Found Guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct Courage of Victim; Unrelenting Support of Mother puts Perez Behind Bars

November 19, 2013-Tamuning Guam- Justice has been served for the young and innocent 14 year-old victim of Vincent Chargualaf Perez, who was found guilty yesterday of five counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct as a first degree felony. The jury also found Perez guilty of terrorizing as a third degree felony that involved an adult victim in a separate but related incident.

In April of this year, the victim mustered the courage to tell her aunt about the repeated sexual abuse. She reported to police officers that Perez, her mother's boyfriend at the time, sexually assaulted her on numerous occasions between January 2011 and June 2012, and that he would tell her "don't tell."

"The success of this verdict would not be possible without the courage of the minor victim and the unrelenting support of her mother. The mother of the minor victim, who only learned the details of the sexual assaults during closing arguments, cried with relief when the court read the verdict," said Assistant Attorney General Teri Tenorio, who prosecuted the case alongside Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Vasiliades.

"Too often children lack the support of their parents or family members to report crimes involving such intimate and private details, but when a mother stands by her child, justice is never lost," added Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

Perez is scheduled for sentencing on December 13, 2013 where he potentially faces up to 100 years in prison for these convictions.

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