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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Castro Halfway House**

*April 29, 2014- Tamuning, Guam-* The Office of the Attorney General expressed frustration that Alex Castro, a convicted violent defendant, assaulted a fellow inmate at the Department of corrections where both were being housed in the halfway house.

According to the declaration filed in the Superior Court today Castro allegedly assaulted another inmate by repeatedly punching him in the face and body. The declaration states that the victim in this case did not want to fight Castro because he didn't want any trouble because he is eligible for parole soon. The victim suffered severe bruising and other injuries as a result of the assault.

Inmates are housed at DOC's Community Corrections Center, Post 9, commonly called the halfway house, when they have completed most of their period of incarceration. It is unclear why Castro was being housed in the halfway house.

Castro was convicted by a jury of two counts of aggravated assault, as a third degree felony; one count of assault as a misdemeanor; and one count of reckless conduct as a misdemeanor on April 6, 2013. His appeal to the Supreme Court was denied. He was just five (5) months into a five (5) year sentence and is not eligible for parole for at least two more years.

The OAG was disappointed that after all the work done by the Guam Police Department, the OAG, and the Superior Court, DOC would house this violent person with training in mixed martial arts, in the halfway house.

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