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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Peeping Tom Sentenced to Two Years in Jail**

*April 15, 2014- Tamuning, Guam-* Frank Garrido Blas- the man who crafted a small hole in the wall of a women's restroom to photograph and videotape them – was sentenced today to two years imprisoned at the Department of Corrections after Assistant Attorney General Richelle Yu successfully argued the maximum sentencing for invasion of privacy as a misdemeanor. Blas must also register on the sex offender registry for the rest of his life

Blas held the only key for a utility room on the upper floors of the Bank of Guam building, where he would wait for his victims to enter into the adjacent restroom and photograph and film them through the small hole he crafted.

“People should feel secure in their homes, workplace, or any other place where privacy is expected, such as restrooms. This sentencing sends a strong message to ‘Peeping Toms,’ regardless of their methods or devices, that we will get you, and we will put you away,” said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

“I am grateful for the sentenced delivered by the Court today. Notably, even though Blas was sentenced to the maximum time of one year for each offense, the current penalties in the Invasion of Privacy statute are not commensurate to the suffering that these victims suffered and are still suffering to this day. We will keep prosecuting these criminals to seek justice for the victims as well as protect the privacy of women,” said Assistant Attorney General Richelle Yu.

Blas was convicted in late December after a Superior Court Jury deliberated for just an hour.

The Office of the Attorney General, together with Senator Aline Yamashita and her co-authors Senators Judy Won-Pat and Tina Muna-Barnes, have recently reviewed the current statute on invasion of privacy and have revised and updated it to add punishment enhancements for these offenders.

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