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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Life Imprisonment for Nimitz Hill Attacker**

*January 22, 2014-Tamuning, Guam-* The man who brutally and maliciously attacked a woman and invaded her home in Nimitz Hill was properly punished today when Judge Cenzone sentenced him to two life sentences for attempted murder and first degree robbery, both as first degree felonies, and 20 years for burglary as a second degree felony.

Raymond Torres Tedtaotao left his victim with severe head injuries after forcing his way into her home after she answered the door, and then struck her repeatedly in the face and bound her with duct tape.

The victim continues to seek rehabilitation due to the brain hemorrhaging sustained from the beating.

“This defendant’s extreme indifference to the value of human life when he viciously attacked his victim warrants that he be put behind bars for the rest of his life,” said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas

“His actions changed her and her family’s lives forever. Life imprisonment for her vicious attacker may begin to assist this exceptional and brave young woman through her continued recovery,” AG Rapadas added.

Becky Piper-Tedtaotao’s victim- appeared at the sentencing, along with her husband Sam, via Skype. She was able to face Tedtaotao, and told him that while she would be remembered for the good things she has done during her life and will continue to do in the future, he will soon be forgotten.

“Becky is a special person, and she will be remembered for a long, long time by us and the people who worked with us to make this prosecution successful,” said Assistant Attorney General Brian Gallagher

Assistant Attorneys General Brian Gallagher and David Rivera prosecuted the case and thank the Navy Criminal Investigation Section and the US Navy for their tremendous contributions to the case. They also highlighted the rapid response and collaborative efforts of the Guam Fire Department, the medical personnel at Navy Hospital and Guam Memorial Hospital, and the Guam Police Department.

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Closing arguments were heard for the trial of Anthony Paul Mendiola last Friday. The jury is currently deliberating. Kyle Cruz, pursuant to his plea agreement, testified against Mendiola and is imprisoned at the Department of Youth Affairs.

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