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Vincent Chargualaf Perez Sentenced to 18 Years in Jail

January 23, 2013-Tamuning Guam- Vincent Chargualaf Perez was sentenced today to 18 years imprisonment for sexually abusing a young and innocent 14 year-old in April 2013.

In November, Chargualaf was found guilty of five counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct as a first degree felony and terrorizing as a third degree felony that involved an adult victim in a separate but related incident.

The young victim mustered the courage to tell her aunt about the repeated sexual abuse, who then reported it to police officers. Perez, the victim's mother's boyfriend at the time, sexually assaulted her on numerous occasions between January 2011 and June 2012, and would tell her "don't tell."

"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, as in this case, justice is never lost," said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

"This lengthy sentence will keep this defendant from preying on our most vulnerable. More importantly, it will give strength to victims that their voices are heard and that we will prosecute to the fullest extent," he continued.

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