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Martin Convicted of Forcibly Raping Young Girl

July 10, 2014- Tamuning- Guam -After about two weeks of trial, Petrus Jr. Martin, a 24 year-old, was found guilty late yesterday afternoon of all charges brought against him; two counts of first degree criminal sexual and three counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct, all as first degree felonies. The successful prosecution was led by Assistant Attorney General Matthew Heibel with AAG Richelle Yu as his co-counsel.

One evening back in December 2011, after going to a gathering with her mother, the young teenage victim was walking back to her home where she lived with her father. A vehicle pulled up alongside her and a man grabbed her and pulled her in. He and two other men brought her to a nearby jungle area. One of them told her “you better do what we want or else we will kill you and your family.”

The men then forcibly removed her clothing and took turns violating the young girl, first by forcing her to perform fellatio on them, then by digitally penetrating her, and finally by forcing intercourse. All the while, they forced her to consume alcohol, threatened to hit her with a beer bottle, and threatened to kill her family.

After several hours, two of the defendants left the area and the third fell asleep. The young female victim ran to her apartment and told her father, who called the Guam Police Department. They transported her to Guam Memorial Hospital for examination and then to Healing Hearts for additional examination and DNA testing.

“Sexually violent criminals such as this defendant, who violently raped a 15 year-old girl, deserve nothing less than the maximum length of imprisonment- life imprisonment. My office will argue for this at his sentencing hearing; this is the only way to protect our young children and people,” said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

Martin’s sentencing hearing scheduled for October 07, 2014.

The other adult defendant in this case was offered a plea agreement in exchange for his full cooperation and testimony at trial. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for this afternoon. AAG Heibel will seek the maximum length of incarceration under the terms of the plea agreement. While he did testify, his testimony was inconsistent with the statements he had previously made to both police and prosecutors.

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