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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **OAG Wins 2008 Sexual Assault Case against School Teacher**

*July 18, 2014- Tamuning, Guam* -Late Tuesday afternoon, after just an hour of deliberation, a Superior Court Jury found Serafin Reyes Pablo guilty of second degree criminal sexual conduct as a first degree felony. Pablo's victim was a former math student.

One morning back in 2008, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade student stopped by Pablo's classroom to say hello before going to her first period class. Pablo asked the student for a hug, then closed the door and locked it. He then reached up and grabbed her breast with his hand. The victim pushed him away as he tried to touch her genital area. She managed to block him from doing so and again, pushed him off. She attempted to run out of the room, but was unsuccessful at first. Finally, she managed to unlock the door, ran out, and went to her first period class.

She told her friend at the time that "Mr. Pablo touched me," but told him not to tell anyone. She finally mustered the courage to speak out about her victimization in March 2009 when, after a family conversation, she told her father.

This case was first tried last year, but resulted in a hung jury. It was retried earlier this month.

"The victim and her father have been with us the entire way and have been extremely cooperative with us as we sought justice for her, her family, and the community. I want to thank them for their courage as we fought to hold this man responsible for his horrific actions," said Assistant Attorney General Matthew Heibel.

Pablo will be sentenced in October and faces up to 15 years imprisoned at the Department of Corrections.

"Despite the delays and length of time since the incident, the victim and prosecution remained committed to seek justice," said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

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