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Family Violence Offender Convicted AG's Zero Tolerance Policy for Family Violence Reiterated

July 31, 2014- Tamuning, Guam- Earlier this week, a conviction was secured by the Office of the Attorney General against Kesi Reyes, a man who was found guilty of two counts of family violence as a misdemeanor.

In September 2013, a heated argument began between Reyes and his then-girlfriend after he accused her of cheating on him. He called the victim names and blocked her from leaving the room by grabbing her chest and pushing her against a wall. The arguing continued for the next week, with Reyes calling the victim names and punching her in the chest.

The victim finally reported it to the Guam Police Department on September 20, after their two children witnessed the struggle between her and their father. On that day, Reyes grabbed the victim's ponytail in an attempt to take away her glasses and break them. The victim used her purse to hit Reyes in an attempt to get away. Their son, who witnessed the entire struggle, attempted to protect his mother by throwing toys and punching his father on the back of the legs.

Reyes faces up to two years incarcerated at the Department of Corrections. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 21, 2014 at 10am.

"I want to commend the victim for finally standing up against the defendant, reporting it to police, and then ultimately testifying against him; it is a difficult situation because he is the father of her children, but she did the right thing," said Assistant Attorney General Jordan Leidel.

"Violence anywhere is intolerable; violence in the home is inexcusable. Children should not be exposed to such behavior. Securing this conviction only reinforces my office's zero tolerance policy for family violence," said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

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