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Cruz Convicted for Sexual Assault

December 3, 2014- Tamuning, Guam- Gregory Anthony Cruz was found guilty of all charges brought forth against him after a Superior Court Jury deliberated for less than a day. He was convicted of two counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct as a first degree felony and faces a maximum of thirty years imprisoned at the Department of Corrections.

His victim, who was 14 years-old at the time, told Guam Police Officers that the first incident occurred after the defendant asked her for a hug. As they hugged, Cruz slid his hand down her lower back and onto her buttocks. Cruz told his victim that “he was testing her to see how she would react in this situation.”

Prosecuting attorney Jeremiah Luther attributed this to “conditioning the young victim.”

The second incident occurred at the cinema where the defendant and his victim were watching a movie. Cruz wrapped his arm around the victim and placed his hands on her waist and buttocks. He then moved his hand between her thighs and onto her groin area, with his hand eventually ending up under her underwear.

During the movie, the victim, texted her boyfriend about what Cruz had just done to her. While at dance practice later that same day, the victim texted her mother and told her what Cruz had done to her. They made a report to police and Cruz was subsequently arrested.

“This victim was brave enough to speak out right away about her victimization, despite having been confused and feeling betrayed by the actions of this family member whom she trusted,” said Assistant Attorney General Jeremiah Luther.

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