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Prosecutors Convict Two Defendants on Behalf of The People Late Last Week

December 24, 2014- Tamuning, Guam – Late last week, justice was served when defendant Janice Shimizu was found guilty by a 6 member jury panel and, in another case, Friday Suda pled guilty to charges of murder and aggravated assault.

Last Thursday, Shimizu was convicted of 2 counts of family violence as a misdemeanor after she threatened to kill her sister and daughter. Both victims testified in court that they were fearful for their lives because they had always known Shimizu to be armed with either a knife or firearm. The jury deliberated for about an hour and a half before returning with the verdict. Shimizu could spend up to 2 years imprisoned at the Department of Corrections.

Prosecuting attorney Tom Neuman commended the victims for coming forward to testify.

“It was of critical help that the victims testified and had the courage to relive that terrifying night, giving a detailed account of the incident to the Jury.”

In a separate case, defendant Friday Suda pled guilty to murder and aggravated assault after he stabbed his victim in the chest multiple times in April. Suda told responding police officers “Officer whatever they said I did... just blame me and no one else... I can’t remember what happen... my mind is going crazy.”

Suda was sentenced to a term of life in prison for the murder charge, with a concurrent sentence of 7 years for the aggravated assault charge.

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