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Vicious Attacker Guilty

January 21, 2015- Tamuning, Guam – Devon Jesus Carbone Santos was found guilty of aggravated assault by complicity as a third degree felony last Friday evening after the Jury returned its verdict. His co-defendant, Ryan James Arnold, had earlier pled guilty to two counts of aggravated assault.

Santos' trial stemmed from a vicious attack on two men in the early morning hours of November 11th at Nana's Café in Tumon. The two men had a casual, non-violent encounter with Santos and Arnold on the beach a few minutes prior to the attack. At around 2am, they tried to leave the scene, but Santos and Ryan had a firm grip on one of the victims, refusing to release him. The other victim got into his car, and, after backing up, faced forward to see three men standing over his friend, who lay on the ground as he was being kicked by Arnold. He exited his car and pleaded with Arnold to stop beating his friend, but he, too, was brutally attacked. Both victims suffered serious bodily injury as a result of Santos' and Arnold's vicious attack.

A third party witness testified that he saw Santos and Arnold punch, kick and stomp on two people until they lay motionless on the ground and that the beating continued even though it appeared that the victims were unconscious. That witness also testified that he saw Santos reach down, roll one of the victims over, rifle through his pockets, and retrieve an item from the victim's pocket. Another witness testified that one of the victim's pockets was turned inside out immediately after the attack, corroborating the other witness' testimony.

Police were called to the scene and arrived almost immediately. Fortunately, both Santos and Arnold were apprehended at Reef Hotel within minutes of the attack.

Pursuant to his plea agreement, Arnold testified against Santos, describing him as his "crime partner." Arnold may serve up to 7 years imprisonment at the Department of Corrections.

For his present conviction on aggravated assault, Santos will serve a maximum term of 5 years. Although the Jury acquitted Santos of a few charges in the indictment, they were unable to reach a unanimous verdict on several charges including his guilt by complicity to first degree robbery, third degree robbery, theft, and a second aggravated assault / assault count, as well as, destroying evidence. As a result, the People may re-try Santos on those other charges.

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“The Police through quick and skillful work caught Santos and Arnold. The witnesses came forward to give bold testimony. The Victims received a measure of justice, and the People of Guam thank the Jury for their service.” said Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. McDonald.

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