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### **Assailant Wounding Victim with a Butcher Knife Convicted**

*February 10, 2015- Tamuning, Guam* –A Superior Court Jury found Ruben Kazuda. guilty of aggravated assault as a second degree felony and aggravated assault as a third degree felony, both with a special allegations of the use of a deadly weapon after just a day and a half of deliberating.

Kazuda is guilty of brandishing a butcher knife from his waistband and attacking his victim, leaving him with two broken ribs and a deep gash to his left lung. The victim also lost 5 liters of blood- the approximate amount of blood contained in the human body. After emergency surgery, the victim was admitted to intensive care and was in a coma for ten days.

Detectives with the Guam Police Department interviewed witnesses after the incident and learned that Kazuda left his residence around 7pm to drink with the victim and another male individual. They also learned that Katzuta was intoxicated prior to the incident and told another witness “I stab someone... I stab a Chuukese guy,”

Officers from GPD were initially given a false name of the defendant, but nonetheless, were able to track him down two days later while he was putting on his shoes in the parking lot of a Dededo apartment complex.

Kazuda’s sentencing hearing is scheduled for March 06, 2015 before Judge Canto.

“GPD detectives and officers who responded to the scene did a good job in their investigation and reports. I was able to follow up with the witnesses to provide a comprehensive testimony of what happened that night, ultimately leading to the conviction in this case,” said Assistant Attorney General Teri Tenorio, who prosecuted the case.

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