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Justice Served for Victim of Brutal Rape in Lencho Park

February 23, 2015- Tamuning, Guam –Minorichy “Ritchie” Rugante and Francis Charlie Madeus were both found guilty over the weekend by a Superior Court Jury for the merciless and brutal rape of a young woman in Lencho Park. Rugante was convicted of two counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct and kidnapping as a second degree felony. Madeus was convicted of two counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct as a lesser included offense for criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, and kidnapping as a second degree felony.

Early one morning last January, a male jogger heard the screams of a female. Officers from the Guam Police Department (GPD) were called and responded to the scene immediately. They were met by a jogger who indicated where the rape was taking place.

Police found the 24 year-old victim crying hysterically and laying face up on the ground. She was stripped of her clothing from the waist down, and a group of males surrounded her.

The victim told police that her rapists had shoved an empty bottle of iced tea down her mouth in order to muffle her screams and pleas for help while they took turns forcing themselves on her and engaging in sexual intercourse.

One of the defendants, Jose White Longa, told police during an interview that the night prior to the incident, he, Rugante, Madeus, a 12 year-old boy, and another unnamed male were drinking vodka in the park. When the victim walked by hours later, Rugante, Madeus, and the other defendants took turns punching her in the face and upper body, while pinning her to the ground and sexually assaulting her.

Rugante faces anywhere from 15 years to life imprisonment for each count of criminal sexual conduct against him and will be sentenced on April 21, 2015. Madeus will be sentenced on April 28, 2015 and is looking at serving up to twenty-four years incarcerated at the Department of Corrections.

The unidentified individual who allegedly took part in the rape is still at-large and the investigation remains open with GPD. If you have any information, please contact law enforcement authorities.

Longa, who pleaded guilty, will be sentenced on April 15, 2015, and is looking at spending 10-15 years imprisoned at DOC.

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