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Rapist Found Guilty on 13 Counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct

May 23, 2016- Tamuning, Guam- Justice was served late last Friday when James Corpuz was found guilty of thirteen criminal sexual conduct charges after a jury deliberated for just two hours.

Corpuz sexually abused his two young victims repeatedly over many years, beginning from when they were in elementary school and only ending when one of the victims was discovered to be pregnant under the age of consent by administrators at her high school.

In a written statement made by Corpuz and that was used as evidence during trial, he admitted to engaging in sexual acts with one of his victims, but “only 2-3 times,” and he denied ever touching his other victim.

Corpuz is currently being held at the Department of Corrections, and the length of his imprisonment will be determined on August 5, 2016 at 3:00pm, by Judge Lamorena. He will serve time based on four counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, six counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct, two counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct, and one count of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct.

“The victims were clearly traumatized, but were able to recount enough details of what the defendant did to them to sustain the convictions. This guilty verdict helps give them closure,” said Assistant Attorney General Richelle Canto.

In May 2015, two charges of first degree criminal sexual conduct as a first degree felony against Corpuz involving the same victims were dismissed due to a violation of his statutory speedy trial rights. In this case, the severity of the charges against Corpuz weighed heavily in the Court’s decision to allow the Government to re-indict Corpuz. The dismissal of the first charges allowed Prosecution to seek a new indictment that added a slew of additional charges- most of which he was found guilty of by a 12-panel jury.

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