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## **DeSoto's Conviction Upheld by the Higher Court: DeSoto to Remain Imprisoned for the Rest of His Life**

March 18, 2016- Tamuning, Guam-Today, Superior Court Justices upheld the conviction of murderer Chad R. DeSoto after he appealed his case last year. DeSoto argued that during his trial, the jury was not adequately instructed on what the doctrine of "diminished capacity" meant, and other errors involving evidence.

In February 2013, DeSoto killed 3 Japanese tourists and injured 11 others in the heart of Tumon. He was convicted of aggravated murder, attempted aggravated murder, and special allegations for the use and possession of deadly weapons during the commission of a felony.

"De Soto's case is essentially closed, and he will in effect have to remain in prison until the end of his natural life," said Chief Prosecutor Phil Tydingco.

"I must thank all who helped prosecute this case, most especially the surviving victims and witnesses who were from Guam, Japan, Australia and the U.S. mainland. I'd also like to recognize the Guam Visitor's Bureau for assisting with some of the financial costs incurred to fly in and house the victims and witnesses," he finished.

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