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DNA Evidence Secures Guilty Verdict

Hagatna, Guam-Today, Juan Jose Torres was found guilty of third degree criminal sexual conduct as a second degree felony and two counts of assault with the intent to commit criminal sexual conduct as a third degree felony by a Guam Superior Court jury.

Torres first sexually assaulted his victim when she was 15 years-old. The victim reported the sexual assaults that occurred over a three year period to Guam Police Department (GPD) when she was 18 years-old. GPD immediately took her to Healing Hearts where she was examined and treated. DNA samples were also obtained for testing.

Although the victim has left island, the Office of the Attorney General, with the help of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, was able to bring a DNA expert to Guam to testify on the scientific evidence, which came back a positive match for the defendant.

“Thank you to the FBI for their invaluable assistance in providing DNA testimony and DNA results for this case. I’d also like to give special thanks to the Guam Police Department and Healing Hearts. They followed established protocol, and as a result, we were able to bring this criminal to justice,” said Chief Prosecutor J. Basil O’Mallan III.

Torres, originally from Peru, faces up to 14 years in prison. His sentencing is scheduled for October 31, 2012 and he will be registered as a Level I sex offender.

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