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Rojas Guilty of Child Abuse and Indecent Exposure Victim and Family Stand Up Against Perpetrator

Hagatna, Guam- After three and half hours of deliberation, a Superior Court Jury found Joseph Reyes Rojas guilty of child abuse as a misdemeanor and indecent exposure as a petty misdemeanor.

In May of last year, Rojas was called to the home of the victim to install a ceiling fan in one of the bedrooms. The mother of the victim- who was checking on food preparations in the kitchen- heard the victim screaming and crying as she ran out of the room saying that Rojas had climbed down from the ladder, unzipped his pants, and exposed his crotch to her.

“The victim did what many adults are unable to do when she took the stand and confronted the defendant; the conviction of Rojas is due entirely to the testimony of the victim and the four witnesses who took the stand, I’d like to thank her and her family for their courageousness,” said Assistant Attorney General Gabrielle Rossi.

By law, Rojas will be listed in the Sex Offender Registry. His sentencing hearing is set for December 19, 2012 at 2pm in Judge Sukola’s courtroom.

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