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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SECURES
CONVICTION IN CHILD SEX ASSAULT CASE**

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HONOLULU – The Department of the Attorney General has successfully prosecuted Jose Salas for the offense of Continuous Sexual Assault of a Minor Under the Age of Fourteen, a Class A felony under Hawai'i law. The offense occurred when the victim was just 9 years old.

This afternoon, following an eight-day jury trial in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, an O'ahu jury found Salas guilty of the Class A felony offense, along with four counts of Sexual Assault in the Third Degree, Class C felonies.

"This conviction reflects our unwavering commitment to protecting Hawai'i's children and ensuring that survivors of sexual abuse receive the justice they deserve," said Attorney General Anne Lopez. "We are grateful for the tireless efforts of law enforcement, victim advocates and our legal team, whose collaboration made this outcome possible."

The case was investigated by the Honolulu Police Department, with support from the Children's Justice Center and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. Deputy Attorney General Loren Haugen, of the Criminal Justice Division, served as the lead prosecutor on the case.

The trial was presided over by the Honorable Trish K. Morikawa. Sentencing is scheduled for July 10, 2025. Salas faces a maximum term of 20 years in prison with the possibility of parole.

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