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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands

PLAINTIFF

VS.

SANCHEZ, VINCENT "VJ"
DOB: February 12, 1995
Age: 25 yrs. old

DEFENDANT

Criminal Case No. _____
DPS Case No#. 20-007317

COMPLAINT AND
SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT
OF PROBABLE CAUSE

{Rule 5(a) CRCrP}

The undersigned Affiant, Detective Lupe Ann L. Maratita, hereby deposes and states:

Affiant is a law enforcement officer of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands employed by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for two and a half years and is assigned to the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Unit. Affiant has probable cause to believe that on December 7, 2020, Wednesday at about 12:37 PM, SANCHEZ, VINCENT "VJ" committed the crime of Child Abuse to include Domestic Violence.

1. On December 7, 2020, Monday at about 12:37 PM, DPS Central dispatched units to Kristo Rai Church parking lot along Beach Road, Garapan regarding an assault and battery incident and informed the units that (DYS) Division of Youth Services personnel was also at the area. Officer Katsutoshi Pangelinan was on routine patrol in Garapan when he responded to the area and logged the case in as **DPS case number 20-007317** referenced to an earlier call, which was classified as a disturbance under DPS case number 20-007311. Officer Pangelinan made

contact with DYS personnel Melycher Sablan [SABLAN] and was speaking to her when he was redirected by the victim's mother, Ms. Rodalene Serandio [RODALENE] to the victim, [hereinafter referred to as J.S], where he observed red markings on J.S's left cheek and the left side rear portion of her neck. Officer Pangelinan also interviewed RODALENE, where she stated, they were inside their apartment when J.S entered their room and told her and her husband that VJ was still asleep and when VJ overheard J.S saying his name he called J.S into the living room. RODALENE informed the officer that she was walking out of their room when she saw VJ punch J.S twice on the face and neck area with his right hand. RODALENE then said she overheard VJ tell J.S that if she doesn't clean, he will continue to punch her until she gets bruises all over her body and face. RODALENE also stated, she wanted to something to help J.S, but she is very scared of her brother. RODALENE then informed the officer that she and her husband, Mr. Jimmy Serandio [JIMMY] put the kids into the car as if they were going to the beach and after leaving the house, they pulled over at Winchells, Susupe, where she called for police assistance. At 1:07 PM, Officer Britton Cruz arrived at CJ's Apartment in Susupe, room 206 and place VJ under arrest for the charges.

2. On the same day at about 1:18 PM, Detective Freddie Guerrero arrived at Kristo Rai Church, where he made contact and interviewed RODALENE, who confirmed her statement and informed him that at about 10:00 AM, she and JIMMY were inside the room when J.S came into the room and told them that VJ was still asleep. She said, VJ overheard J.S saying his name and called her into the living room. She said, she got up and stood by the door and peeked out to J.S and VJ when she saw VJ stand up and punch J.S twice on the left cheek area and left neck area. RODALENE also told Detective Guerrero that she was scared to stop VJ from hitting J.S. She also said, VJ then got mad to her and J.S to clean and as they were cleaning, she overheard VJ tell J.S that if she does not clean, he will punch her until she is bruised. She then informed the officer that she called DYS for assistance and asked to meet them at Kristo Rai church.
3. At about 1:06 PM, Detective Guerrero also met with JIMMY, who had the same statement at RODALENE as he said, he was in the room when J.S came in and told them VJ was asleep on the couch when shortly after J.S was called by VJ into the living room. He said, he heard J.S say "Ouch" and a while later J.S told him what VJ did to her and it was then they left the apartment and went to Winchells in Susupe.

4. At 2:00 PM, the affiant arrived at DYS office in Capital Hill, where she sat in for a forensic interview with J.S, which was conducted by DYS personnel Christine Aldan [ALDAN]. J.S informed ALDAN that her uncle VJ beat her and punched her three times then asked her "You wanna try the fourth time?" She said, he first threw a plastic bottle to the living room wall then got up from the couch and punched her on the left neck area twice then punched her upper left cheek with a closed fist. She said, VJ then told her to go into her mom's room and that if she didn't go, he would beat her. She said, a while later, VJ told her to clean and as she was sweeping, VJ punched her on the left cheek again and told her to make it faster. She said, she told her mom and dad about it and her dad wanted to call the police. She also informed ALDAN that this isn't the first time VJ beat her and said a previous time VJ was smoking marijuana in the living room when VJ called her and burned her on the left forearm with a hot lighter then burned RODALENE. She also informed ALDAN that VJ beat her once causing her nose to bleed over VJ's adapter for a charger, which she said she told RODALENE not to use and when VJ found RODALENE using it he got upset. She said, VJ kicked her on the face with his right foot then held both her hands up as she showed ALDAN how VJ punched her in a shuffling motion and continuously pushed her. She said, "My mom was there, but she was scared to stop him, they were just watching, watching, watching." She further said, "Before he wasn't like that, he was a good boy, but when he start smoking the white thing, it makes him stupid and kookoo". J.S then described the white thing to be of a glass ball shaped on one end attached to a long pipe-like item which she said VJ and JIMMY use to smoke in her grandma's room. She described the thing he smokes to be like sugar, which she's seen in a Ziploc. She lastly said, "I don't like him. When I see him, I feel mad every time he goes around the house, he's like a security guard and when he beats me up my sister's always have phobia and run to my auntie or my mom." J.S said phobia is a word for when you're scared of something.

Based on the information contained in paragraphs 1 through 4, your Affiant believes that probable cause exists to support the charges of **6CMC 5312 Child Abuse (a)(1) to include Domestic Violence** as specified in our Commonwealth Criminal Codes.

Affiant **SWEARS UNDER OATH** that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of Affiant's knowledge and that this complaint is signed on this 8th day of **December 2020**, on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Affiant:



Det. Lupe Ann L. Maratita

Date: 12/8/2020

Date: 8 Dec 2020

12/8/20

Review by the Judge:

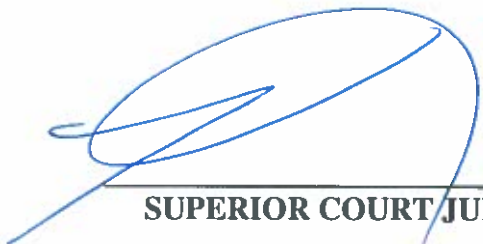
I have reviewed this affidavit and find probable cause SANCHEZ, VINCENT "VJ":

COUNT I Child Abuse 6 CMC - 5312 (a)(1) to include Domestic Violence

- ☒ Probable Cause Exist, or
() No Probable Cause Exist to believe the defendant has committed the offense listed.

Bail shall be set in the amount of \$ 7,500.00 **.**

Dated this 8th **day of December 2020, at** 1:03 **a.m./p.m. in the**
village of Garapan **Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana**
Islands.


SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Service of the Translator: **TERESA KIM-TENORIO**

Language Spoken: _____ **English** _____ **Chamorro** _____ **Carolinian**
Other _____

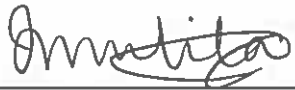
I, _____, certify that I have accurately translated the foregoing from English to _____ language for the benefit of the above named defendant.

Signature of Translator

Date

Return of Service:

I, L. Maratita, an officer of the Commonwealth, hereby declare that I have served a copy of this complaint to the above named defendant and explained the forgoing information.


Signature of the Serving Officer

12/8/20
Date

1:07 PM
Time

Acknowledgement:

I, Wilton Sanchez, have received a copy of the foregoing complaint and have been informed of the charge that has been brought against me. By signing this acknowledgement, I also understand that I am not admitting to guilt for the charges.

Wilton Sanchez
Signature of the Defendant

12-8-20
Date

1:07 PM
Time