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**Three Kauai Police Department Officers Indicted
by a Kauai Grand Jury for Theft and Falsification of Records**

(KAUAI) Police Sergeant Wesley F. Perreira, Sergeant Lawrence E.T. Stem, and Officer Channing T. Tada of the Kauai Police Department were indicted yesterday by a Kauai Grand Jury in a thirteen count indictment charging the three police officers with various counts of theft and tampering with a government record.

The grand jury indictment charges Perreira with one count of attempted theft in the second degree, one count of theft in the second degree, and two counts of tampering with a government record. Stem is charged with two counts of theft in the second degree and three counts of tampering with a government record. Tada is charged with two counts of theft in the second degree and two counts of tampering with a government record.

Theft in the second degree is a class C felony punishable by up to 5 years in jail and/or a \$10,000 fine. Tampering with a government record is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 1 year in jail and/or a \$2000 fine.

The indictment is the result of a joint investigation conducted by the Kauai Police Department and the Department of the Attorney General. The charges stem from a complaint made to the Kauai Police Department that the three officers flew to island of Maui to attend the Indoor Marijuana Investigation training and failed to attend both days of training. The training was hosted by the Maui Police Department on September 13 and 14, 2005.

Grand Jury Bench warrants were issued by Kauai Circuit Court Judge Kathleen Watanabe for the arrest of Perreira, Stem, and Tada. Perreira, Stem, and Tada surrendered themselves this afternoon to the Kauai Police Department cellblock. Perreira, Stem, and Tada were released after being processed and posting bail.

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Arraignment and plea is set for August 24, 2006, 9:00 am, in courtroom 4, Fifth Circuit Court, Kauai.

An indictment is a mere accusation and the individuals named in the indictment are presumed innocent.

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