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**DOH WARNS KAUA‘I RESTAURANTS OF INDIVIDUAL POSING AS HEALTH INSPECTOR**

LIHUE, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i – The Hawai‘i State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) is warning all Kaua‘i restaurants and food establishment owners to beware of an adult female presenting herself as a “sheriff representing the health department.” The individual allegedly has entered various establishments demanding to see permits, licenses and other confidential documents. The individual does not represent the DOH and does not possess valid identification.

The Kaua‘i District Health Office was also recently informed of a female identifying herself as “Carol from the department of health” that had telephoned a food establishment in Lihue requesting personal and confidential information.

“All health department officials are required to have a valid State of Hawai‘i DOH employee photo identification card,” said Darren Tamekazu of the Kaua‘i District Health Office. “This DOH photo ID card must be presented upon request. Business owners should not allow persons without a valid proof of identification access to business or other personal records.”

If any establishment is approached by a person claiming to represent the DOH and requesting entry or documents without proper identification, the business is advised to contact the State Department of Health and the police. Any health official requesting entry into a place of business without proper identification should be denied. Businesses are advised to not release any personal information such as insurance records and social security numbers.

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Any inquiries can be answered by the Kauai District Health Office Sanitation Branch at (808) 241-3323. Neighbor islands may call other DOH Sanitation Branch offices at: Hilo (808) 933-0917; Kona (808) 322-1507; Maui and Lana'i (808) 984-8230; Moloka'i (808) 553-3208; and O'ahu (808) 586-8000.

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