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**TAX PREPARER & REAL ESTATE AGENT SENTENCED FOR TAX FRAUD**

HONOLULU—On September 4, 2007, Circuit Court Judge Michael A. Town sentenced Zenaida Lopez, a tax return preparer and real estate agent to a fine of \$60,000.

On June 13, 2007, Lopez entered a plea of "guilty" to all 12 counts in the indictment returned by the Honolulu Grand Jury on March 13, 2007. The first six counts of the indictment were misdemeanor violations – failure to file returns and the remaining six counts were felony violations – evasion of tax.

Judge Town sentenced Lopez to a fine of \$2,500 for each misdemeanor violation and \$7,500 for each felony violation, totaling \$60,000. Although Lopez filed her delinquent annual general excise tax returns and made remittance, there was a balance of \$8,014 which Judge Town ordered restitution. Lopez was also placed on probation for a period of five years and was granted a deferral of her guilty plea.

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