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**WOMAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO TAX VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU — Honolulu businesswoman Laura Lewis entered a plea of not guilty to criminal tax violations before the Honorable Russell S. Nagata. A six count criminal complaint filed on January 25, 2008 in Honolulu District Courts stated Lewis failed to file and pay her general excise tax returns for years 2000 through 2005. Her trial date has been set for March 11, 2008.

Willful failure to file a return as described in HRS §231-35 is a misdemeanor violation that upon conviction, an individual can be assessed a fine of not more than \$25,000 per violation a term of imprisonment of not more than one year or probation.

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