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**REALTOR RESENTENCED IN TAX CASE**

HONOLULU — Ronald Staton, who was previously sentenced in a tax case, became the first realtor to have his deferred acceptance of guilty plea revoked for failing to comply with all of the terms and conditions of his deferral and was resentenced before the Honorable Judge Edwin Nacino.

Staton was placed on probation for one year and must pay a probation fee and a fine of \$700, which is the residual amount owed from his prior sentence. He will perform 100 hours of community service in lieu of a 30-day jail term and must remain tax compliant throughout the period of his probation. Specific terms and conditions regarding tax compliance were defined for Staton who must now meet all of the filing requirements of the general excise tax laws as defined in HRS §237-30 and HRS §237-33. He could face harsher penalties if he fails to comply with these specific conditions.

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