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Kona Grand Jury Indicts Former District Manager of Hawaii District Small Boat Harbors on Felony Theft Charges.

Jeffrey S. Bearman (44 years old), the former State District Manager of Hawaii District Small Boat Harbors on the island of Hawaii, was indicted by a Kona Grand Jury on (1) count of Theft in the First Degree (class B felony), (2) counts of Theft in the Second Degree (class C felony), and (1) count of Attempted Theft in the Third Degree (misdemeanor). The five count indictment filed on October 8, 2001 (Cr. No. 01-1-205K) charges Mr. Bearman with committing theft of wages, State purchased inter-island coupons and State purchased car rental coupons during the period of January 1999 to April 2001.

On October 9, 2001, Mr. Bearman turned himself in to Kona police. He was booked on the grand jury bench warrant and then released on supervised release. Arraignment and plea is set for November 21, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. before Third Circuit Court Judge Ronald Ibarra.

The indictment serves to formally accuse Mr. Bearman, but he is presumed innocent until proven guilty at trial or upon a plea of guilty or no contest.
