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## **WELFARE FRAUD CRACKDOWN CONTINUES**

Attorney General Earl I. Anzai announced today that:

On August 7, 2002, Circuit Court Judge Dan T. Kochi revoked the probation sentence given to Aiea resident Chris F. Jansson, 41, for one count of theft in the first degree and sent Mr. Jansson to jail for one year.

In 2000, Mr. Jansson was placed on probation for five years for fraudulently obtaining more than \$31,000 dollars in public assistance benefits. When Jansson failed to keep appointments with his probation officer and failed to complete 150 hours of community service, the state moved to revoke his probation. Judge Kochi granted the state's motion, placed Mr. Jansson on a new five year period of probation and added the special term that he spend one year in jail.

While first time offenders convicted of welfare fraud crimes often receive probation sentences, the Criminal Justice Division and the county prosecutors do not hesitate to ask the courts to revoke probation sentences and to re-sentence defendants who inexcusably fail to comply with the terms of probation sentences. Re-sentencing usually means jail or prison.

Anyone having information concerning possible welfare fraud crimes should call the Welfare Fraud Hotline at (808) 587-8444.