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FELIX THERAPEUTIC AIDE CHARGED WITH THEFT AND FRAUD

HONOLULU - On Tuesday, May 28, 2003, an Oahu Grand Jury indicted Daniel Riedel charging him with multiple counts of theft and medical assistance fraud offenses. Attorney General, Mark J. Bennett announced that these charges stem from false claims submitted to Alaka'i Na Keiki, his employer and provider under the Felix Program. Mr. Reidel had submitted claims for payment for services he did not render to several special needs students over the course of six (6) months beginning July 1999 through January 2000. The out-of-pocket loss to the program totaled over \$13,000.00. The indictment alleges six (6) counts of theft in the second degree and six (6) counts of medical assistance fraud. Each of the counts carries a maximum penalty of five (5) years imprisonment and a \$10,000.00 fine. A Grand Jury bench warrant has been issued and Mr. Reidel's bail is set at \$9,000.00. A grand jury indictment is merely an accusation and Mr. Reidel is presumed innocent until and unless he is proven guilty in a court of law.

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