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STATE CRACKDOWN ON UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD

HONOLULU-Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that: First Circuit Court Judge Michael Wilson sentenced Christopher M. Nevins on July 23, 2003 to a deferral period of 5 years for the offense of Theft in the Second Degree. Nevins worked as an assistant manager at the Plantation Café in the Ala Moana Hotel while collecting \$3016.00 in unemployment benefits. He was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service and to pay restitution to the State of Hawaii for the unemployment insurance fraud.

In a similar case, First Circuit Court Judge Derrick Chan sentenced Eddie M. Morales on June 27, 2003 to a deferral period of 5 years for the offense of Theft in the Second Degree. Morales worked for Honeywell and Capricciosa while collecting unemployment benefits totaling over \$4000.00. He was also ordered to perform community service.

Theft in the Second Degree is a class C felony offense that is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000.00 and/or incarceration of up to 5 years. If you know of anyone who is receiving unemployment benefits and not reporting their employment, please call the hotline at 586-8947.

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