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Attorney General Files Maui Drug Nuisance Abatement Action

(HONOLULU) The Department of the Attorney General's Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit has filed its fourth Maui drug nuisance abatement action. The complaint, filed on June 16, 2005, alleges that defendant Tiffany K. Anderson distributed drugs from a Hala Place residence in Wailuku.

The State also filed an Ex Parte Petition for a Temporary Writ of Injunction to prohibit Anderson from residing in or returning to her residence. Judge Joseph Cardoza signed an order temporarily prohibiting Anderson from entering or returning to the Hala Place property. The prohibition will remain in effect until a hearing on June 29, 2005. At the hearing, the State will ask the court to extend the prohibition.

Deputy sheriffs of the Department of Public Safety served the complaint and order on Anderson on June 21, 2005. Anderson has twenty days from the date of service to respond to the allegations in the complaint.

Anderson was also served with a grand jury warrant charging her with the offenses of Promoting a Dangerous Drug in the Third Degree and Prohibited Acts Related to Drug Paraphernalia. Arraignment and plea on the criminal charges is scheduled on July 12, 2005. Anderson is presumed innocent until proven guilty at trial.

This nuisance abatement action was accomplished through the cooperative efforts of the Department of the Attorney General, the Maui Police Department, the Maui Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, the Department of Public Safety, and members of the community.

Acting Attorney General Lisa Ginoza said, "This action sends a message to drug dealers that the sale of drugs in the community will not be tolerated. We expect this action to bring some relief to the Wailuku community and its residents. The Department of the Attorney General is committed to working with the community and other law enforcement agencies to disrupt drug distribution throughout the State of Hawaii."

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Ginoza encouraged the public to report their observations regarding suspected drug houses and illegal drug activity to the police, or to contact the Attorney General's Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit at the following hotline numbers:

Oahu: (808) 586-1328

Neighbor Islands toll free: (800) 9NO-METH (966-6384)

Fax: (808) 586-1371

E-mail: stopice@hawaii.gov

The public may also file a report with the Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit by logging on to www.hawaii.gov/ag/stop_ice_index.htm.

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