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Department of the Attorney General will auction forfeited property

(HONOLULU) A public auction of property forfeited to the State of Hawaii will be held on March 25, 2006, at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. Some of the property to be sold includes a 2004 Toyota Tacoma Crew Cab Pickup (lifted w/ custom wheels), a 1998 Mazda B3000 Extra Cab Pickup, a 1999 Jeep Cherokee SUV, a 1997 Toyota X-tra Cab Pickup, a 1997 Honda Accord 4 door sedan, a 1996 Ford Thunder Bird, a 1994 Honda Del Sol, a 1999 Kawasaki ZX-7 motorcycle, and a Vento Zip r3i moped. In addition to these and other vehicles, an assortment of professional sound equipment will be available. There will also be assorted stereo equipment, tools, jewelry, and other property.

The property to be sold may be inspected starting at 11:00 a.m. The auction, conducted by Rosen Auctions, will begin at noon. For a list of the property, visit www.rosenauctions.com.

The auction is the result of ongoing efforts by state and county law enforcement agencies to fight crime by seizing and forfeiting assets used or acquired in connection with criminal activities. Assets that were used in, or obtained from, the commission of certain criminal offenses can be seized and forfeited under the state's asset forfeiture law. Taking away the tools criminals use to commit crimes and the profits from those crimes are ways to deter and impede criminal conduct. Proceeds from this auction will be used by state and county law enforcement agencies to combat crime.

Employees (and their immediate family members) of county police departments, county prosecuting attorney's offices, and the Department of the Attorney General are not eligible to purchase forfeited property.

Anyone having information about individuals who are profiting from criminal activity should call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 955-8300.

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