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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE KA LOKO DAM TRAGEDY

HONOLULU – Attorney General Mark Bennett made the following statement in response to a news conference held by attorney William McCorriston today:

"Since the Ka Loko Dam tragedy occurred, I have led the State's criminal investigation into this matter with one and only one goal: to determine whether criminal charges are legally and factually warranted and appropriate. That was the goal the day of the tragedy; that is still the goal. I have played no role in the civil case in this matter, and neither I nor the prosecutors also working on this case have any conflict of interest. I will not be dissuaded from doing my sworn duty as Hawai`i's chief law enforcement officer by desperate personal attacks or any other kind of attack."

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