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KAUAI MAN CHARGED WITH SEVEN COUNTS OF THEFT IN THE FIRST DEGREE

LIHUE, KAUAI – Jon F. Anderton of Anahola, Kauai, was arraigned and pled not guilty today to seven counts of Theft in the First Degree, before Judge Randal Valenciano.

Anderton, 53, is the owner and president of Exchange Accommodators, Inc. He is alleged to have stolen more than one million dollars from four different victims. During the period from May 30, 2006 through September 30, 2008, Anderton failed to make required payments of his clients' funds on behalf of or directly to his clients.

Anderton remains in custody as he was unable to post bail in the amount of \$175,000. His trial is scheduled for the week of August 10, 2009, before Judge Kathleen Watanabe.

The arrest and charging of Anderton were completed with the assistance of the Kauai Police Department and the Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney.

Anderton is considered innocent of these charges unless and until he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by a judge or jury.

Theft in the First Degree is a class B felony punishable by up to ten years in prison or a fine of \$25,000 or both.

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