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FORMER RIGHTSTAR EXECUTIVE PLEADS NO CONTEST TO THEFT CHARGE

HONOLULU – John Dooley, the former chief executive of RightStar Hawaii Management, Inc., has pleaded no contest to Theft in the First Degree.

RightStar was able to gain control over a number of memorial parks on the islands of Hawaii, Maui, and Oahu in January 2001. Thereafter, during the period from December 29, 2003 through January 6, 2004, Dooley misappropriated funds that belonged to a number of customers. The memorial parks are now under the supervision of the State.

Dooley was arrested in Oregon on April 27, 2008 on a warrant issued by the Oahu Grand Jury on December 12, 2006. He remains in custody at the Oahu Community Correctional Facility until his sentencing.

Dooley's sentencing is scheduled for January 4, 2010, before the Honorable Virginia Crandall.

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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