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**FORMER PEARL RIDGE ELEMENTARY ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES ASSISTANT CHARGED WITH FELONY THEFT AND FORGERY**

HONOLULU – Attorney General David M. Louie announced today that a ninety-nine count complaint was filed on June 13, 2011 in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit Court against former administrative service assistant Denise N. Hayashi, 41, of Waipahu. The complaint alleges one count of Theft in the First Degree and ninety-eight counts of Forgery in the Second Degree. Theft in the First Degree is a B felony and is punishable by up to 10 years in jail and/or up to \$25,000 fine. Forgery in the Second Degree is a C felony and is punishable by up to 5 years in jail and/or \$10,000 fine.

The complaint alleges that between January 11, 2008 and May 20, 2011, Ms. Hayashi forged the signature of the Pearl Ridge Elementary school principal on checks belonging to the Pearl Ridge Elementary local school account and obtained over \$68,000 from that account for her personal use.

Arraignment and plea is set for Monday, June 20, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Richard K. Perkins, Circuit Court of the First Circuit. The complaint filed against Ms. Hayashi is merely an allegation filed by the State and she is presumed innocent of the charges unless and until she is found guilty by a judge or jury.

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