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Former DLNR Employee Charged With Felony Theft, Use of Computer in the Commission of a Separate Crime, and Forgery

HONOLULU – Attorney General David M. Louie announced that a four-count complaint was filed today in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit against former Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, employee Wesley Choi. The complaint alleges one count of Theft in the First Degree, one count of Use of a Computer in the Commission of a Separate Crime, and two counts of Forgery in the Second Degree. Theft in the First Degree is a class B felony and is punishable by up to 10 years in jail and/or up to a \$25,000 fine. Use of a Computer in the Commission of a Separate Crime is a class A felony and is punishable by up to twenty years in jail and/or up to a \$50,000 fine. Forgery in the Second Degree is a class C felony and is punishable by up to 5 years in jail and/or up to a \$10,000 fine.

The defendant was booked and processed and released on his own recognizance. He will reappear for his arraignment and plea, set for Thursday, March 15, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Richard K. Perkins, Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

The complaint filed against Mr. Choi is merely an allegation, and he is presumed innocent of the charges unless and until he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by a judge or jury.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII,

vs.

WESLEY CHOI,

Defendant.

) CR. NO. 12-1-0240

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) COUNT I:

) THEFT IN THE FIRST DEGREE

) (§ 708-830 (2) & 708-830.5 (1)(a), H.R.S.)

) (AG NO. 11-0476)

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) COUNT II:

) USE OF A COMPUTER IN THE

) COMMISSION OF A SEPARATE CRIME

) (§ 708-893 (1)(a), H.R.S.)

) (AG NO. 11-0476-1)

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) COUNT III:

) FORGERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE

) (§ 708-852, H.R.S.)

) (AG NO. 11-0476-2)

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) COUNT IV:

) FORGERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE

) (§ 708-852, H.R.S.)

) (AG NO. 11-0476-3)

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) COMPLAINT

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COUNT I: During or about the period from May 29, 2008, through March 17, 2011, inclusive, as one scheme and/or continuous course of conduct, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, WESLEY CHOI, did obtain or exert unauthorized control over the property of the STATE OF HAWAII, the value of which exceeds Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), by deception, with intent to deprive the STATE OF HAWAII of the property, thereby committing the offense of Theft in the First Degree, in violation of Sections 708-830(2) and 708-830.5(1)(a) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes as amended.

COUNT II: During or about the period from May 4, 2009, through March 17, 2011, inclusive, as one scheme and/or continuous course of conduct, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, WESLEY CHOI, did intentionally use a computer to obtain control over the property of the STATE OF HAWAII to commit Theft in the First Degree, thereby committing the offense of Use of a Computer in the Commission of a Separate Crime, in violation of Section 708-893(1)(a) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. A person commits the offense of Theft in the First Degree, in violation of Sections 708-830(2) and 708-830.5(1)(a) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, if the person obtains or exerts unauthorized control over the property of another, the value of which exceeds Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), by deception, with intent to deprive another of the property.

COUNT III: On or about the 8th day of April, 2008, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, WESLEY CHOI did, with intent to defraud, falsely make, complete, endorse, or alter a written instrument, or utter a forged instrument, to wit, an instrument purported to be a Keehi Marine, Inc., procurement bid, which is or purports to be, or which is calculated to become or to represent if completed, a deed, will, codicil, contract, assignment, commercial

instrument, or other instrument which does or may evidence, create, transfer, terminate, or otherwise affect a legal right, interest, obligation, or status, thereby committing the offense of Forgery in the Second Degree, in violation of Section 708-852 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

COUNT IV: On or about the 7th day of August, 2008, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, WESLEY CHOI did, with intent to defraud, falsely make, complete, endorse, or alter a written instrument, or utter a forged instrument, to wit, an instrument purported to be a Keehi Marine, Inc., procurement bid, which is or purports to be, or which is calculated to become or to represent if completed, a deed, will, codicil, contract, assignment, commercial instrument, or other instrument which does or may evidence, create, transfer, terminate, or otherwise affect a legal right, interest, obligation, or status, thereby committing the offense of Forgery in the Second Degree, in violation of Section 708-852 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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