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Man Indicted for Knowing Violation of Water Pollution

HONOLULU- First Deputy Attorney General Russell Suzuki announced today that TURHAN TOBI LAPINIG, was indicted on September 27, 2012, by an Oahu Grand Jury for Knowing Violation of Water Pollution. Mr. Lapinig is alleged to have thrown garbage and other solid refuse into Ulehawa Stream. The incident was recorded on video. The possible sentence for Knowing Violation of Water Pollution is a minimum \$5,000 fine (\$50,000 maximum) and/or three years of imprisonment.

An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless he is proven guilty.

The Department of the Attorney General warns against discarding your garbage and other refuse anywhere but authorized disposal sites and will prosecute those who fail to properly dispose refuse.

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