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UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR CHARGED WITH FELONIES

HONOLULU – Christopher Vaenuku was charged yesterday with two counts of Unlicensed Contractor Fraud in the First Degree and one count of Unlicensed Contractor Fraud in the Second Degree, announced Attorney General Doug Chin.

In 2011 and 2012, Vaenuku allegedly agreed to do work on three homes in the Kapolei area that require specific contractor's licenses when he had none. The work allegedly was never completed and homeowners did not get their money back.

Attorney General Chin said, "Homeowners should take some valuable time to research businesses and individuals before contracting with them. A resource is the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) website. DCCA's website is user friendly, providing useful links, people and company searches, guidelines, and phone numbers for consumers to call." You can find the website at cca.hawaii.gov or simply by typing "Hawaii DCCA" into your Internet search engine.

The maximum penalties for Unlicensed Contractor Fraud in the First Degree are ten years imprisonment and a \$25,000 fine. The maximum penalties for Unlicensed Contractor Fraud in the Second Degree are five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Vaenuku is presumed innocent unless and until he is found guilty of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

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