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HAWAII MAN PLEADS NO CONTEST TO SHARING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin announced that David Sisombath pleaded no contest yesterday to six counts of Promoting Child Abuse in the Second Degree and one count of Promoting Child Abuse in the Third Degree.

Sisombath's arrest, charging, and plea were a result of work done by Hawaii's Internet Crimes Against Children (HICAC) Task Force in the Hawaii Attorney General's office. A search of six computers and hard drives at Sisombath's residence uncovered 219 images and 155 videos of child pornography. Forty-four of these files showed children under the age of twelve engaged in sexual conduct.

Attorney General Chin said of Sisombath's plea: "Child pornography *is* child abuse. Victims of child pornography are abused when the images are first taken and they are abused again each and every time these horrendous images are viewed. Our department will continue to investigate and prosecute anyone who possesses or disseminates child pornography."

Promoting Child Abuse in the Second Degree is a class B felony punishable by up to ten years in prison, and Promoting Child Abuse in the Third Degree is a class C felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Sentencing is set for September 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. before circuit judge Shirley M. Kawamura.

HICAC is part of a cooperative nationwide network of task forces dedicated to protecting children in the online environment. To learn about how to keep your children safe online, please use the resources available on the HICAC webpage:
<http://ag.hawaii.gov/hicac/>.

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