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### News Release

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#### **Department of the Attorney General to Conduct an Auction of Forfeited Property**

Attorney General Earl I. Anzai announced today that a public auction of property forfeited to the State of Hawaii will be held on August 25, 2001, at the Ala Wai Golf Course Club House, Honolulu, Hawaii. The auction will be conducted by Rosen Auctions. The property to be sold includes, a 1998 Ford Mustang, a 1998 Dodge Durango, a 1992 Toyota Corolla, a 1987 Chevrolet Camaro, a 1972 Volkswagen Dune Buggy, other vehicles, assorted jewelry, and other property. Visit the Attorney General's web site for a list of the property at: [www.state.hi.us/ag](http://www.state.hi.us/ag)

The property to be sold may be inspected from 11:00 a.m. The auction will begin at 12:00 p.m. This auction is the result of ongoing efforts by State and County law enforcement agencies to fight crime by seizing and forfeiting assets used or acquired in connection with criminal activities. The proceeds from this auction will be used by state and county law enforcement agencies to combat crime.

Assets that were used in, or obtained from, the commission of certain criminal offenses can be seized and forfeited under the State's Asset Forfeiture law. Taking away a criminal's tools used to commit crimes and the profits from those crimes is a way to deter and impede criminal conduct.

Employees (and their immediate family members) of each county police department, each prosecuting attorney's office, and the Department of the State Attorney General are not eligible to purchase forfeited property.

Anyone having information concerning individuals who are profiting from criminal activity should call the Crime Stoppers hotline at, 955-8300.

For additional information interested persons may call Rosen Auctions at 537-2728 or Wesley Teixeira, Seized Asset Program Manager, State of Hawaii, at 586-1385.

