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#### **Felony Theft Complaint Filed Against Second Former Honolulu Police Officer Assigned to the Honolulu International Airport Detail**

James M. Duarte, 51 a former Honolulu Police Sergeant assigned to the Airport Detail at the Honolulu International Airport was charged by the Attorney General via a complaint yesterday, September 19, 2001, in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. The complaint charges Mr. Duarte with theft in the Second Degree (C felony) for the theft of hourly wages during the period of February 16, 1999 to and including July 28, 1999. The charge is the result of a joint investigation by the Department of Transportation, Airport Divisions and the Department of the Attorney General, Investigations Division which started in July of 1999 after allegations that Mr. Duarte failed to actually work during hours for which he was paid.

The complaint serves to formally accuse Mr. Duarte, but he is presumed innocent until proven guilty at trial or upon a plea of guilty or no contest.

Arraignment and Plea and Change of Plea is scheduled before Judge Richard K. Perkins on September 24, 2001 at 8:30 a.m.

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