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## **AIRPORT INVESTIGATION PROGRESSING WITH ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR ARRESTS**

Attorney General Earl I. Anzai announced today that investigators from the Department of the Attorney General served search warrants both today and yesterday on individuals who have been under investigation for being involved in alleged bidrigging of small purchase contracts at the Honolulu International Airport. A husband and wife, Michael and Frances Furukawa were arrested on charges of Theft in the First Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Theft, and Forgery. Michael and Frances Furukawa are the owners of MF Masonry, Argent Construction, and Kenlee LLC. The Furukawas own another company, Gothic Construction, with another individual.

All of the companies mentioned had submitted bids on small purchase contracts at the Airport. One of the search warrants executed yesterday authorized the freezing of bank and investment accounts that are believed to contain funds obtained from the kind of contracts under investigation. Michael Furukawa is the cousin of Richard Okada, the former administrator of the Visitors Information Program at the Airport, who was also arrested as part of the investigation.