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WELFARE FRAUD CRACKDOWN ON FRAUDULENT ALIEN REGISTRATION CARDS

Attorney General Earl I. Anzai announced today that:

On November 25, 2002, Waipahu resident Dionisia Ocampo Revilla, 57, was arrested on an Oahu Grand Jury bench warrant charging her with two counts of unsworn falsification to authorities, two counts of identity theft in the third degree and one count of theft in the third degree. Unsworn falsification to authorities and theft in the third degree are misdemeanors punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000.00. Identity theft in the third degree is a class C felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Ms. Revilla is accused of using an alien registration number issued to someone else in efforts to obtain public assistance benefits. An indictment is an accusation only. Ms. Revilla is presumed innocent until proven guilty at trial.

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Because of advances in the coordination of government computer databases, the days when individuals could successfully use fraudulently obtained alien registration cards or bogus alien registration cards to obtain public assistance benefits are rapidly coming to close.

Following up on recent successes in discovering and disqualifying fleeing felons who were fraudulently receiving public assistance benefits, Department of Human Services investigators are actively investigating leads concerning individuals who may be using fraudulent alien registration numbers in order to obtain public assistance benefits.

Anyone having information concerning possible welfare fraud crimes should call the Welfare Fraud

Hotline at (808) 587-8444. Telephone calls to the Welfare Fraud Hotline are taken seriously and save the State of Hawaii millions of dollars every year.
