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DEPUTY SHERIFF GETS JAIL FOR ASSAULT

HONOLULU-Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that:

On January 20, 2004, First Circuit Court Judge Steven S. Alm denied a motion by former Deputy Sheriff Wyman Chang, 34, to defer his guilty pleas to two counts of assault in the third degree and sentenced him for those offenses. Mr. Chang was placed on probation for one year and ordered to spend ten days in jail as a condition of his probation.

Investigation by special agents from the Investigations Division of the Department of the Attorney General revealed that on April 8, 2002 an inmate in the sheriff's holding cell at Honolulu District Court banged on the cell door demanding toilet paper. When deputies responded to the cell without toilet paper, the inmate suggested that if the deputy did not have toilet paper, perhaps the inmate could use the deputy's socks. The verbal confrontation rapidly escalated and resulted in Deputy Sheriff Wyman Chang repeatedly kicking and punching the inmate.

Assault in the third degree is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and by a fine of up to \$2,000.00 for each offense.

Individuals with information concerning crimes by public servants should call their county police departments or the Investigations Division of the Department of the Attorney General at (808) 586-1240.

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