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ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT ACTION AGAINST SECOND-GENERATION DRUG HOUSE

HONOLULU - Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that the newly established Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit within his office has completed a nuisance abatement action that closed down a second-generation drug house. The Department of the Attorney General alleged that drugs have been distributed from 1949 Stanley Street for at least four years. Circuit Court Judge Eden E. Hifo signed an order banning two of the current residents and two relatives from distributing, or tolerating the distribution of illegal drugs, including crystal methamphetamine, also known as "ice."

Attorney General Bennett expressed satisfaction that the Drug Nuisance Abatement unit in his office was able to obtain an order that has resulted in the expulsion of a drug operation in a house that has been a source of consternation for its Kalihi neighbors for years. The father of one of the expelled residents, who is currently serving a drug-related prison sentence, dealt drugs from the house until he was convicted and sentenced to prison. His sons then took over the drug trade in the neighborhood, but now they have been expelled using Hawaii's nuisance abatement law.

Bennett stated that this should serve as a warning to those dealing drugs, and as encouragement to those law abiding neighbors who are suffering the effects of drug houses in their neighborhoods. He concluded with the statement, "If there is a drug house in your neighborhood, call our Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit at (808) 586-1328 (Oahu), 800-9NO-METH (800-966-6384) (neighbor islands) or send E-mail to stopice@hawaii.gov."

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