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ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES NUISANCE ABATEMENT ACTION FILED AGAINST DRUG HOUSE IN WAIPAHU

HONOLULU-Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that the Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit within his office filed its fourth nuisance abatement action. This is the first nuisance abatement lawsuit filed against a residence in Waipahu. The complaint alleges that drugs have been distributed from 94-125 Pahu Street, #51 residence for at least 2-3 years. The action seeks a court order to prohibit four of the current residents and four other individuals from residing or entering the residence. Once the individuals named in the suit are served with the complaint, they will be given twenty (20) days to respond to the allegations.

In addition, the State filed an Ex Parte Petition for a Temporary Writ of Injunction, seeking to remove the four current residents of 94-125 Pahu Street, #51 from the residence. The Circuit Court has signed an order temporarily ordering the four current residents to vacate the house at 94-125 Pahu Street, #51 and prohibits them from entering or returning to the residence for ten (10) days. The order also prohibits four other individuals from residing at and entering the property. On April 7, 2004, a copy of the complaint and order granting the temporary writ of injunction was served upon Rodolfo Pacariem and Kelly Dee Keiko Kahananui at 94-125 Pahu Street, #51. The State is continuing to look for the other parties in order to serve them with their copy of court documents. A hearing is set for April 12, 2004, where the State will ask the Court to extend the prohibition.

A resident of the Waipahu neighborhood informed the Department of the Attorney General that the residence at 94-125 Pahu Street, #51 has a reputation as a "drug house". The resident reported "People walking, riding bikes and mopeds, and coming and going, all day and all night" at the Pahu Street residence. The execution of a search warrant on 94-125 Pahu Street, #51 on September 13, 2003 turned up the presence of illegal narcotics.

The Complaint for Abatement of Nuisance will hopefully bring relief to the Waipahu community and its residents.

Members of the public are encouraged to report their observations regarding suspected drug houses to their local police department. The public may also contact the Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit through the following hotline numbers:
808-586-1328 - O'ahu

800-9NO-METH (800-966-6384) - Neighbor Islands

Fax: 808-586-1371

Email: stopice@hawaii.gov

The public may also file a report with the Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit by logging onto www.hawaii.gov/ag/stop_ice_index.htm.

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