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DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONDUCT AN AUCTION OF FORFEITED PROPERTY

HONOLULU - Attorney General Mark J. Bennett announced today that a public auction of property forfeited to the State of Hawaii will be held on September 25, 2004, at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. The auction will be conducted by Rosen Auctions. The property to be sold includes a 2002 FordF150 Harley-Davidson Edition Crew Cab, a 1997 American Eagle custom motorcycle, a 2000Kawasaki KX 250 competition motocross bike, 1998 Dodge Caravan, a 1995 Dodge Neon, a 1993Toyota 4Runner, a 1993 Toyota pickup, other vehicles, stereo equipment, tools, jewelry, and other property. Visit the Attorney General's web page for a list of the property at www.hawaii.gov/ag.

The property to be sold may be inspected starting at 11:00 am. The auction will begin at 12:00pm. This is the result of ongoing efforts by state and county law enforcement agencies to fight crime by seizing and forfeiting assets used or acquired in connection with criminal activities. The proceeds from this auction will be used by state and county law enforcement agencies to combat crime.

Assets that were used in, or obtained from, the commission of certain criminal offenses can beseized and forfeited under the State's Asset Forfeiture law. Taking away a criminal's tools used to commit crimes and the profits from those crimes is a way to deter and impede criminal conduct.

Employees (and their immediate family members) of each county police department, each prosecuting attorney's office, and the Department of the Attorney General are not eligible to purchase forfeited property.

Anyone having information concerning individuals who are profiting from criminal activity should call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 955-8300.

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