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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 December 11, 2004, at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. The auction will be conducted by Rosen Auctions. The property to be sold includes a 1997 Suzuki motorcycle, a 1997 Honda Del Sol, a 1996 Honda Accord, a 1993 Honda Accord, a 1991 Nissan pickup, a 1988 Toyota 4WD pickup, other vehicles, stereo equipment, tools, jewelry and other property. For a list of the property, visit the Attorney General's web site at www.state.hi.us/ag/auction_general_info.htm.

The property to be sold may be inspected starting at 11:00 a.m. The auction will begin at noon. The auction 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. 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 be seized and forfeited under the state's asset forfeiture law. Taking away the tools criminals use to commit crimes and the profits from those crimes are ways to deter and impede criminal conduct.

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

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

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