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FORMER RIGHTSTAR EXECUTIVE TO BE RETURNED TO HAWAII'

HONOLULU – Attorney General Mark J. Bennett announced today that John Dooley, the former chief executive of RightStar Hawai'i Management, Inc., was arrested by the Polk County Sheriff's Office in Oregon on Sunday, April 27, 2008, on a grand jury bench warrant that was issued by the O'ahu Grand Jury on December 12, 2006. The indictment on which the bench warrant was based accuses John Dooley of Theft in the First Degree, a felony offense punishable by up to ten years in prison and a fine of \$25,000.00.

RightStar was a corporation that Dooley formed in 2001 to operate a number of Hawai'i cemeteries and funeral businesses that he purchased while they were in bankruptcy. RightStar took control over several facilities including the Valley of the Temples on O'ahu, Homelani and Kona Memorial Parks on the Big Island, and Maui Memorial Park on Maui. The Department of the Attorney General launched civil and criminal investigations of RightStar in 2004, when indications of financial trouble came to light at those facilities. The criminal investigation culminated in the indictment obtained from the O'ahu Grand Jury. During the period from December 29, 2003, through January 6, 2004, Dooley is alleged to have misappropriated funds that belonged to a number of

customers who were named in the indictment. The memorial parks are now under the supervision of the State of Hawai'i.

Dooley will be returned to Hawai'i as soon as arrangements can be made for his return.

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