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**Former Investigator of the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
Sentenced for Theft and Unauthorized Computer Access**

HONOLULU – Craig Whang, a former investigator for the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, has been sentenced by the Honorable Richard K. Perkins on two counts of Theft in the Second Degree and two counts of Unauthorized Computer Access in the First Degree.

In the theft cases, Whang used county funds to purchase firearm accessories, the value of which exceeded \$300, with the intent to deprive the City and County of Honolulu of the property. In the unauthorized computer access cases, Whang used an Internet company locator service, paid for by the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, to locate people to serve subpoenas for a private process serving business in Hawai'i. In both cases, Whang conducted these illegal and unauthorized activities while employed as an investigator for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

Theft in the Second Degree is a class C felony, punishable by up to five years of imprisonment or a fine of up to \$10,000 or both. Unauthorized Computer Access in the First Degree is a class B felony, punishable by up to ten years imprisonment or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both.

Prosecutors of the Department of the Attorney General recommended to the court that Whang be sentenced to five years probation, with special conditions including one year imprisonment and a \$20,000 fine. Whang asked the court to grant him a deferred acceptance of his guilty pleas. Judge Perkins granted Whang's request and deferred acceptance of his guilty pleas for a period of five years, with special conditions including 200 hours of community service and a \$2,500 fine. If Whang complies with all conditions of his deferral, after five years the court may dismiss these cases.

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