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HONOLULU MAN FOUND GUILTY OF STATE TAX CRIMES

HONOLULU – A Honolulu jury has found Clifford K. Parker of Honolulu guilty on six counts of Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax and six counts of Wilful Failure to File Return relating to the tax years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Parker attempted to evade paying state taxes by maintaining a false Form HW-4 (Employee's Withholding Allowance and Status Certificate) with his employer, falsely claiming 99 exemptions or allowances, failing to timely file his individual state income tax returns, and failing to pay his state income taxes due and owing for the years at issue.

The prosecution of Parker is the result of a joint effort between the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Taxation.

Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax is a class C felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment or a \$100,000 fine or both. Wilful Failure to File Return is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year imprisonment or a \$25,000 fine or both.

Sentencing is scheduled on February 9, 2009, before the Honorable Steven S. Alm.

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