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DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL AUCTION FORFEITED PROPERTY

HONOLULU – A public auction of property forfeited to the State of Hawaii will be held on December 12, 2009, in the Pikake Room of the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. The property to be sold includes a 2003 Customized Ford SVT Lightning, a 2005 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 Access Cab Pickup Truck, a 2004 Honda Civic 4-Door Sedan, a 2002 BMW X5 SUV, an MQ Whisper Watt Diesel Powered Generator mounted on a trailer, and other vehicles. Other items include a laptop computer, desktop computer, LCD monitor, jewelry, gold collectible coins, and other property.

The property to be sold may be inspected starting at 11:00 a.m. The auction, conducted by Rosen Auctions, will begin at noon. For a list of the property, visit <u>www.rosenauctions.com</u>.

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. 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. Proceeds from this auction will be used by state and county law enforcement agencies to combat crime.

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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