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**FORMER WAIPAHU HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER  
CHARGED WITH FELONY THEFT AND MONEY LAUNDERING**

HONOLULU – Attorney General David M. Louie announced today that a five count complaint was filed on November 3, 2011 in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit against former Waipahu High School business manager Warren S. Harada, 61, of Manoa. The complaint alleges one count of Theft in the First Degree and four counts of Money Laundering. Theft in the First Degree and Money Laundering are B felonies and are punishable by up to 10 years in jail and/or up to a \$25,000 fine.

The complaint, a copy of which is attached, alleges that between July 28, 2005 and February 11, 2010, Mr. Harada obtained \$499,769.50 of Waipahu High School funds by deception. In addition, Mr. Harada is charged with money laundering for concealing the proceeds of his theft from Waiphau High School.

Arraignment and plea is set for Monday, November 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Richard K. Perkins, Circuit Court of the First Circuit. The complaint filed against Mr. Harada is merely an allegation filed by the State and he is presumed innocent of the charges unless and until he is found guilty by a judge or jury.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII,

v.

WARREN S. HARADA,

Defendant.

) CR. NO. 11-1-1594  
)  
) COUNT 1:  
) THEFT IN THE FIRST DEGREE  
) (§§708-830.5(1)(a) and 701-108(3)(b), H.R.S.)  
)  
) COUNTS 2:  
) MONEY LAUNDERING  
) (§§708A-3(1)(a)(ii)(A), 708A-3(4)(b), 708A-  
) 3(5)(b) and 701-108(3)(b), H.R.S.)  
)  
) COUNT 3:  
) MONEY LAUNDERING  
) (§§708A-3(1)(a)(ii)(A), 708A-3(4)(b), 708A-  
) 3(5)(b) and 701-108(3)(b), H.R.S.)  
)  
) COUNT 4:  
) MONEY LAUNDERING  
) (§§708A-3(1)(a)(ii)(A), 708A-3(4)(b),  
) 708A-3(5)(b) and 701-108(3)(b), H.R.S.)  
)  
) COUNT 5:  
) MONEY LAUNDERING  
) (§§708A-3(1)(a)(ii)(A), 708A-3(4)(b), 708A-  
) 3(5)(b) and 701-108(3)(b), H.R.S.)  
)  
) COMPLAINT

## COMPLAINT

### **COUNT 1: (AG RPT # 10-1925)**

On or about the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005 to and including 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, WARREN S. HARADA did obtain or exert control over the property of Waipahu High School, State of Hawaii, the value of which exceeds Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), to wit \$499,769.50 United State currency, by deception, with intent to deprive Waipahu High School, State of Hawaii of the property, and WARREN S. HARADA was employed by Waipahu High School, State of Hawaii as a School Business Manager at the time of the offense and his employment was terminated on December 30, 2010, thereby committing the offense of Theft in the First Degree, in violation of Section 708-830.5(1)(a) and 701-108(3)(b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

### **COUNT 2: (AG RPT # 10-1925-1)**

On or about the 16th day of June, 2008, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, WARREN S. HARADA, knowing that the property involved was the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, to wit theft, did knowingly transport, transfer, receive, or acquire the property or did conduct a transaction involving the property received from B & H Photo-Video, to wit check No.32976 in the amount of \$10,500.00, when, in fact, the property was the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, knowing that the transportation, transmission, transfer, receipt, or acquisition of the property or the transaction or the transaction or transactions are designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, or the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, and WARREN S. HARADA believed the value or aggregate value of the property transported, transmitted, transferred, received, or acquired was \$10,000 or more, and WARREN S. HARADA was employed by Waipahu High School, State of Hawaii as a School Business Manager at the time of the offense and his employment was terminated on December 30, 2010, thereby committing the offense of Money Laundering, in violation of Sections 708A-3(1)(a)(ii)(A), 708A-3(4)(b), 708A-3(5)(b) and 701-108(3)(b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

**COUNT 3: (AG RPT # 10-1925-2)**

On or about the 7th day of May, 2008, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, WARREN S. HARADA, knowing that the property involved was the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, to wit theft, did knowingly transport, transfer, receive, or acquire the property or did conduct a transaction involving the property received from B & H Photo-Video, to wit check No.32088 in the amount of \$13,652, when, in fact, the property was the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, knowing that the transportation, transmission, transfer, receipt, or acquisition of the property or the transaction or the transaction or transactions are designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, or the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, and WARREN S. HARADA believed the value or aggregate value of the property transported, transmitted, transferred, received, or acquired was \$10,000 or more, and WARREN S. HARADA was employed by Waipahu High School, State of Hawaii as a School Business Manager at the time of the offense and his employment was terminated on December 30, 2010, thereby committing the offense of Money Laundering, in violation of Sections 708A-3(1)(a)(ii)(A), 708A-3(4)(b), 708A-3(5)(b) and 701-108(3)(b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

**COUNT 4: (AG RPT # 10-1925-3)**

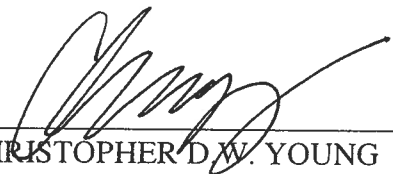
On or about the 17th day of March, 2008, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, WARREN S. HARADA, knowing that the property involved was the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, to wit theft, did knowingly transport, transfer, receive, or acquire the property or did conduct a transaction involving the property received from B & H Photo-Video, to wit check No.31100 in the amount of \$13,000.00, when, in fact, the property was the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, knowing that the transportation, transmission, transfer, receipt, or acquisition of the property or the transaction or the transaction or transactions are designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, or the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, and WARREN S. HARADA believed the value or aggregate value of the property transported, transmitted, transferred, received, or acquired was \$10,000 or more, and WARREN S. HARADA was employed

by Waipahu High School, State of Hawaii as a School Business Manager at the time of the offense and his employment was terminated on December 30, 2010, thereby committing the offense of Money Laundering, in violation of Sections 708A-3(1)(a)(ii)(A), 708A-3(4)(b), 708A-3(5)(b) and 701-108(3)(b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

**COUNT 5: (AG RPT # 10-1925-4)**

On or about the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, to and including the 24th day of February, 2010, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, WARREN S. HARADA, knowing that the property involved was the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, to wit theft, did knowingly transport, transfer, receive, or acquire the property or did conduct a transaction involving the property received from B & H Photo-Video, when, in fact, the property was the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, knowing that the transportation, transmission, transfer, receipt, or acquisition of the property or the transaction or the transaction or transactions are designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, or the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, and WARREN S. HARADA believed the aggregate value of the property transported, transmitted, transferred, received, or acquired was \$10,000 or more, and WARREN S. HARADA was employed by Waipahu High School, State of Hawaii as a School Business Manager at the time of the offense and his employment was terminated on December 30, 2010, thereby committing the offense of Money Laundering, in violation of Sections 708A-3(1)(a)(ii)(A), 708A-3(4)(b), 708A-3(5)(b) and 701-108(3)(b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, ~~NOV 05 2011~~

  
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