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**FORMER HAWAII COUNTY POLICE OFFICER CONVICTED OF MURDER
SCHEDULED FOR NEW PAROLE MINIMUM HEARING**

HONOLULU – Attorney General David M. Louie announced today that a parole minimum hearing has been scheduled before the Hawaii Paroling Authority (“HPA”) on September 25, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., for former Hawaii County police officer Kenneth Mathison. In 1996, Mathison was convicted for the 1992 kidnapping and murder of his wife, Yvonne Mathison. On July 15, 2009, the HPA set Mathison’s minimum parole terms for these offenses at twenty (20) years for the kidnapping conviction and ninety (90) years for the murder conviction. The minimum terms are the amount of time Mathison must spend in prison for each offense before he can be released on parole. Certain procedural problems arose during the July 2009 hearing; therefore the HPA is holding a new hearing to re-determine the minimum terms. The State has concluded that the minimum terms set in July 2009 were correct and is asking the HPA to leave the minimum terms unchanged.

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