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**ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES INDICTMENT OF
JEFFREY P. BETTIS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin announced today that Jeffrey P. Bettis has been indicted for criminal charges related to the possession and distribution of child pornography.

Bettis is accused of disseminating eight (8) images of children being sexually exploited. He is also accused of possessing one hundred four (104) images and thirty (30) videos of children being sexually exploited, with at least twenty-nine (29) of the images and seventeen (17) of the videos depicting children under the age of twelve. The investigation was conducted by the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in the Attorney General's office.

Attorney General Chin said of the charges: "Possessing and disseminating child pornography *is* child abuse. Every time someone views these images, the victim suffers more abuse. The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force's mission is to prosecute this sick behavior."

Bettis is fifty (50) years old. An Oahu grand jury indicted him for two counts of promoting child abuse in the second degree, a class B felony. Each count is punishable by up to ten years in prison. Bail is set at \$11,000 and a bench warrant has been issued for Bettis' arrest.

Bettis is presumed innocent unless and until he is found guilty of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

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