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FURLOUGH ESCAPEE CHARGED

HONOLULU – George Alberts Goings, III was charged yesterday with escape in the second degree, a class C felony punishable by up to five years in prison, Attorney General Doug Chin announced.

On May 31, 2015, Goings, an inmate at the Oahu Community Correctional Center's (OCCC) Laumaka Work Furlough Center, was not present after a headcount was conducted by corrections officers. Goings was apprehended almost a year later on April 18, 2016 by the Maui Police Department on the island of Molokai, and returned to OCCC.

Earlier this month the Hawaii Supreme Court reversed the conviction of a specific individual on extended furlough. That individual, Eugene Paris, Jr., was given permission to be absent from the facility under his furlough agreement but had missed a scheduled check-in.

Attorney General Chin said, "The Supreme Court's recent decision does not appear to prevent the State from prosecuting all escape charges, in particular if someone is not permitted to leave the Laumaka Work Furlough Center and did not seek permission. We will vigorously pursue felony escape charges where warranted."

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

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