



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**DAVID Y. IGE**  
GOVERNOR

**DOUGLAS S. CHIN**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

For Immediate Release  
August 2, 2017

News Release 2017-103

**TWO CHARGED WITH FELONY WELFARE FRAUD**

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin today announced that welfare fraud charges have been filed against Leslie K. Harada and Robert J. Moniz.

Harada is charged with first-degree theft. The complaint against Harada, a 45-year old Waipahu resident, alleges that between September 1, 2011 and July 31, 2016, she applied for and received public assistance benefits to which she was not entitled. This resulted in the Department of Human Services (DHS) making more than \$20,000 in overpayments to Harada.

Moniz is charged with one count of second-degree theft and two counts of third-degree theft. The complaint against Moniz, a 41-year old Waianae resident, alleges that during three different timeframes from 2010 to 2015, he applied for and received public assistance benefits to which he was not entitled. This resulted in DHS making more than \$300 in overpayments (second-degree theft) and more than \$100 in overpayments (third-degree theft) to Moniz.

**Attorney General Doug Chin** said, “Public assistance benefits need to go to people who need them. We will prosecute anyone who abuses the system.”

First-degree theft is punishable by up to ten years in prison and a \$25,000 fine. Second-degree theft is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Third-degree theft is punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine. Harada and Moniz are both presumed innocent unless and until they are found guilty of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt. Copies of the felony informations are attached.

###

For more information, contact:  
Joshua A. Wisch  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General  
Phone: (808) 586-1284  
Email: [Joshua.A.Wisch@hawaii.gov](mailto:Joshua.A.Wisch@hawaii.gov)  
Web: <http://ag.hawaii.gov>  
Twitter: @ATGHlgov

# ORIGINAL

DOUGLAS S. CHIN 6465  
Attorney General of Hawaii

DAVID L. WILLIAMS 8050  
Deputy Attorney General  
Department of the Attorney  
General, State of Hawaii  
333 Queen Street, Suite 200  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Telephone: (808) 586-1160  
Facsimile: (808) 586-1375  
Email: [Criminal.Justice@hawaii.gov](mailto:Criminal.Justice@hawaii.gov)

**Electronically Filed**  
**FIRST CIRCUIT**  
**1CPC-17-0001042**  
**02-AUG-2017**  
**09:27 AM**

Attorneys for the State of Hawaii

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT  
STATE OF HAWAII

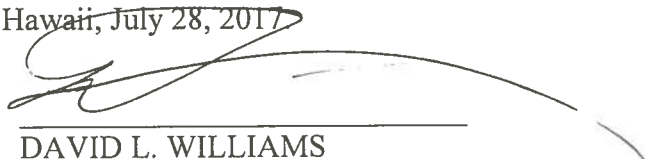
STATE OF HAWAII	)	CR. NO. _____
	)	(INVO No. O-105193)
vs.	)	
	)	THEFT IN THE FIRST DEGREE
LESLIE K. HARADA,	)	(§§ 708-830(2) and 708-830.5(1)(a), H.R.S.)
	)	
Defendant.	)	FELONY INFORMATION
_____	)	

FELONY INFORMATION

The Department of the Attorney General charges:

On or about September 1, 2011, to and including July 31, 2016, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, LESLIE K. HARADA, as one scheme and/or continuing course of conduct, did intentionally obtain or exert control over the property of another having a value which exceeds Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20, 000.00), to wit, public assistance benefits, by deception, with intent to deprive another of the property, thereby committing the offense of Theft in the First Degree in violation of Sections 708-830(2) and 708-830.5(1)(a), of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, July 28, 2017



DAVID L. WILLIAMS  
Deputy Attorney General  
State of Hawaii

# ORIGINAL

DOUGLAS S. CHIN 6465  
Attorney General of Hawaii

DAVID L. WILLIAMS 8050  
Deputy Attorney General  
Department of the Attorney General,  
State of Hawaii  
333 Queen Street, Suite 200  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Telephone: (808) 586-1160  
Facsimile: (808) 586-1375  
Email: [Criminal.justice@hawaii.gov](mailto:Criminal.justice@hawaii.gov)

**Electronically Filed**  
**FIRST CIRCUIT**  
**1CPC-17-0001043**  
**02-AUG-2017**  
**09:58 AM**

Attorneys for the State of Hawaii

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT  
STATE OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII

vs.

ROBERT J. MONIZ,

Defendant.

CR. NO.

COUNT I:

THEFT IN THE SECOND DEGREE  
(§§ 708-830(2), 708-831(1)(b), and 701-108(3)(a),  
H.R.S.) (INVO No. O-01001199)

COUNT II:

THEFT IN THE THIRD DEGREE  
(§§ 708-830(2), 708-832(1)(a), and 701-108(3)(a),  
H.R.S.) (INVO No. O-01001199-1)

COUNT III:

THEFT IN THE THIRD DEGREE  
(§§ 708-830(2), 708-832(1)(a), and 701-108(3)(a),  
H.R.S.) (INVO No. O-01001199-2)

FELONY INFORMATION AND NON-FELONY  
COMPLAINT

FELONY INFORMATION AND NON-FELONY COMPLAINT

The STATE OF HAWAII, through the undersigned, its Deputy Attorney General, hereby  
accuses and charges the Defendant as follows:

Count I:

On or about January 1, 2010, to and including August 31, 2011, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, ROBERT J. MONIZ, as one scheme and/or continuing course of conduct, did intentionally obtain or exert control over the property of another having a value which exceeds Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), to wit, public assistance benefits, by deception, with intent to deprive another of the property, the discovery of which did not occur until on or about October 9, 2015, thereby committing the offense of Theft in the Second Degree in violation of Sections 708-830(2) and 708-831(1)(b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Count II:

On or about February 13, 2013, to and including July 31, 2013, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, ROBERT J. MONIZ, as one scheme and/or continuing course of conduct, did intentionally obtain or exert control over the property of another having a value which exceeds One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), to wit, public assistance benefits, by deception, with intent to deprive another of the property, the discovery of which did not occur until on or about October 9, 2015, thereby committing the offense of Theft in the Third Degree in violation of Sections 708-830(2) and 708-832(1)(a) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Count III:

On or about December 1, 2014, to and including March 31, 2015, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, ROBERT J. MONIZ, as one scheme and/or continuing course of conduct, did intentionally obtain or exert control over the property of another having a value which exceeds Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$100.00), to wit, public assistance benefits, by deception, with intent to deprive another of the property, the discovery of which did not occur

until on or about October 9, 2015, thereby committing the offense of Theft in the Third Degree in violation of Sections 708-830(2) and 708-832(1)(a) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

I, David L. Williams, declare under perjury of law that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii: July 28, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Williams', written over a horizontal line.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS  
Deputy Attorney General  
State of Hawaii