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**INMATE INDICTED FOR ASSAULT OF ADULT
CORRECTIONS OFFICER AT WOMENS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin announced that an Oahu grand jury yesterday indicted Melanie Vivas-Asagra for Assault in the Second Degree.

While serving a prison sentence for Robbery in the Second Degree and Firearm Possession offenses, Vivas-Asagra allegedly assaulted an adult corrections officer.

Assault in the Second Degree is a class C felony and carries a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison and a \$10,000.00 fine.

Vivas-Asagra is 26 years old female with three prior felony convictions. If convicted of the offense, she is subject to enhanced sentencing as a persistent and repeat offender. Her bail is set in the amount of \$11,000.00. Vivas-Asagra is presumed innocent unless and until she is found guilty of the charge beyond a reasonable doubt. A copy of the indictment is attached.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

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v.

MELANIE VIVAS-ASAGRA,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 1CPC-17-0001523

(A.G. Rpt. No. 17-2955)

ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE
[§707-711(1)(c), H.R.S.]

INDICTMENT

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The Grand Jury charges:

On or about August 8, 2017, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, MELANIE VIVAS-ASAGRA did intentionally or knowingly cause bodily injury to Felisha Liilii, a correctional worker who was engaged in the performance of duty or who was within a correctional facility, thereby committing the offense of Assault in the Second Degree, in violation of Section 707-711 (1) (c) of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

If convicted of this offense or any included felony offense, MELANIE VIVAS-ASAGRA may be subject to sentencing in accordance with Section 706-661 and Section 706-662(4)(a) of

the Hawai'i Revised Statutes where she is a multiple offender in that she is already under a sentence of imprisonment for a felony, and an extended term of imprisonment is necessary for the protection of the public.

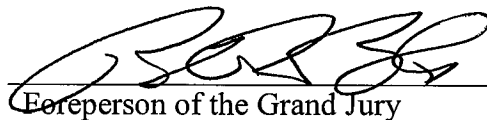
If convicted of this offense or any included felony offense, MELANIE VIVAS-ASAGRA may be subject to sentencing in accordance with Section 706-661 and Section 706-662(1) of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes where she is a persistent offender in that she has previously been convicted of two or more felonies committed at different times when she was eighteen years of age or older, and an extended term of imprisonment is necessary for the protection of the public.

If convicted of this offense or any included felony offense, MELANIE VIVAS-ASAGRA may be sentenced to a mandatory minimum period of imprisonment without the possibility of parole in accordance with Section 706-606.5 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes where she is a repeat offender as she was previously convicted of Robbery in the Second Degree, a class B felony, under Criminal Number 16-1-0807, and the instant offense, or any included felony offense, was committed within ten years of that prior conviction.

A True Bill found this day: 10/26/2017



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Foreperson of the Grand Jury