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CHILD PORNOGRAPHY DISSEMINATOR SENTENCED

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin announced today that state circuit judge Shirley M. Kawamura sentenced David Sisombath to probation for six counts of promoting child abuse in the second degree and one count of promoting child abuse in the third degree. Sisombath disseminated child pornography over a peer to peer file sharing network and possessed over 384 images and videos of child sexual abuse with 44 of the files depicting children under the age of 12 on six separate computers and hard drives.

The prosecution had asked the court to sentence Sisombath to a ten year prison term. The judge sentenced Sisombath to five years of probation with ninety days in jail as a condition of probation. Sisombath must also register as a sex offender and undergo the Hawaii Sex Offender Treatment Program.

Attorney General Chin said: “Child pornography is child abuse. These horrible images can only be created by abusing a child. Every time someone views or shares these images, the victim of that abuse is being abused again.”

Today’s conviction resulted from work done by the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children (HICAC) task force in the Hawaii Attorney General’s office. HICAC is part of a cooperative nationwide network of Internet Crimes Against Children task forces dedicated to protecting children in the online environment. To learn about how to keep your children safe online, please use the resources available on the HICAC webpage: <http://ag.hawaii.gov/hicac/>.

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