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**FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BENCH WARRANT
ISSUED FOR ESCAPEE RANDALL SAITO**

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin announced that his office today charged Hawaii State Hospital escapee Randall T. Saito with felony escape. A bench warrant has been issued for Saito’s arrest in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Law enforcement authorities in all 50 U.S. states may enforce an arrest warrant issued by the state of Hawaii.

Saito, 59, escaped from the Hawaii State Hospital on November 12, 2017 and remains at large. Saito was acquitted of the 1979 murder of Sandra Yamashiro, based on mental disease or disorder, and committed to the Hawaii State Hospital.

Attorney General Chin stated, “This is a dangerous individual. We need him off the streets. The State is in close contact with law enforcement to make this happen.”

Saito has been charged with escape in the second degree, a class C felony with a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison and a \$10,000.00 fine. Escape in the first degree requires use of force and was not charged in this case. The charge is considered an allegation of wrongdoing, and Saito is presumed innocent unless and until he is found guilty of the charge beyond a reasonable doubt.

A copy of the felony information filed today is attached.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII,) CASE NUMBER. _____
) (HPD RPT. NO. 17-428888-001)
vs.)
) ESCAPE IN THE SECOND DEGREE
RANDALL T. SAITO,) (§710-1021, H.R.S.)
)
Defendant.) FELONY INFORMATION; EXHIBIT "A"
)
_____)

FELONY INFORMATION

The Department of the Attorney General charges:

On or about the 12th day of November, 2017, to and including the 14th day of November, 2017, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, RANDALL T. SAITO, did intentionally escape from a correctional or detention facility, or from custody, thereby committing the offense of Escape In The Second Degree, in violation of Section 710-1021 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

“Detention facility” means any place used for the confinement of a person: (a) Arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a criminal offense; or (b) Confined pursuant to chapter 571; or (c) Held for extradition; or (d) Otherwise confined pursuant to an order of a court.

“Custody” means restraint by a public servant pursuant to arrest, detention, or order of a court.

“Public servant” means any officer or employee of any branch of government, whether elected, appointed, or otherwise employed, and any person participating as advisor, consultant, or otherwise, in performing a governmental function, but the term does not include jurors or witnesses.

DATED: November 14, 2017, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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