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**STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL DOUG CHIN ON  
ESCAPE AND CAPTURE OF RANDALL SAITO**

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin released the following statement regarding the apprehension of Hawaii State Hospital escapee Randall Saito today in California:

“I am grateful to local law enforcement partners, including the State Sheriff Fugitive Unit, the Honolulu Police Department, and the Honolulu prosecutor’s office, for their assistance with the investigation of and search for Randall Saito. The Honolulu Police Department has now confirmed that Saito is in custody in California. He will next face a hearing in California to be extradited back to Hawaii. I acknowledge the efforts of citizens and law enforcement officials on the mainland who helped make his capture possible.

At Governor Ige’s direction and with the state health director’s full consent, my office will conduct an internal investigation to determine what procedures and protocols were breached, and who – if anyone – assisted with Saito’s escape. Separately, my criminal justice division will work closely with the Honolulu Police Department as HPD continues its criminal investigation. This will ensure that appropriate administrative and criminal penalties are thoroughly considered.”

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