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RANDALL SAITO APPEARS IN CALIFORNIA COURT

HONOLULU – Randall Saito appeared at a hearing today at 11:30 am HST / 1:30 pm PT at the San Joaquin County Main Courthouse in Stockton, California. Saito was assigned a public defender who asked for more time to consult with his client. The court has scheduled a further arraignment on November 27, 2017 at 11:30 am HST / 1:30 p.m PT. Saito is currently being held without bail.

At the November 27 hearing, Saito will have the choice to admit his identity and agree to extradition back to Hawaii, or to contest extradition. If the court approves extradition, Saito will be transported back to Hawaii. The exact time and manner of that extradition is still being coordinated between law enforcement authorities in California and Hawaii.

Attorney General Chin said, “On behalf of Governor Ige and myself, I extend my thanks to California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, the San Joaquin County Sheriff’s Office, San Joaquin District Attorney Tori Verber Salazar, Assistant District Attorney Ron Freitas, and the entire San Joaquin District Attorney’s office for their quick arrest of Randall Saito and their continuing assistance in working on his extradition back to Hawaii. We respect the process and will work with law enforcement officials in San Joaquin to make sure they have everything they need to ensure Saito’s return to Hawaii for prosecution as soon as possible.”

Once he returns to Hawaii, Saito will be held as a pre-trial felon at the Oahu Community Correctional Center unless he posts the half million dollar bail or bond. If he does post the half million dollar bail, he will be sent back to the Hawaii State Hospital. Either way, he will not be released into the community. **Attorney General Chin** notes that “at the time Saito makes his first appearance in court in Hawaii, the State intends to ask the judge to increase bail or have him held without bail.”

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