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**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY JUDGE SETS
EXTRADITION HEARING FOR RANDALL SAITO**

HONOLULU – Today San Joaquin County Judge Ronald A. Northup in Stockton, California scheduled an extradition hearing for Hawaii State Hospital escapee Randall Saito on December 5, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. At today’s court appearance, Saito was given the choice to either admit his identity and agree to extradition back to Hawaii or ask for a hearing to be scheduled to contest extradition. Saito chose the latter option.

Attorney General Doug Chin said, “With thanks to the Honolulu Police Department Fugitive Task Force, I understand Mr. Saito’s fingerprints were sent to San Joaquin County authorities and positively match the man who was arrested. The San Joaquin prosecutor continues to work closely with us to get Mr. Saito back to Hawaii to face escape charges.”

As previously reported, upon his return 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 set on the escape charge. If he does post the half million dollar bail, he will be sent back to the Hawaii State Hospital. Either way, Saito would not be released into the community. Furthermore, at Saito’s first appearance in court in Hawaii, the State intends to ask for bail to be increased or for the court to order him held without bail.

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