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AQUINO SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR VANDALIZING IOLANI PALACE

HONOLULU – Attorney General Russell Suzuki announced that Michael Lawrence Aquino was sentenced to 10 years in prison on May 2, 2018, for felony criminal property damage counts related to vandalism that occurred on Sunday, May 28, 2017.

Aquino, 58 years old, used a three-foot long metal pipe to break three palace door windowpanes, some of which were more than a century old. Aquino was also sentenced to 5 years in prison for breaking the glass in the door to the House of Representatives chambers of the State Capitol building. Aquino pled guilty as charged on March 1, 2018.

Attorney General Suzuki said of the sentence, “Iolani Palace is a cultural and historical treasure, and the State Capitol is an important public building. They are important symbols and resources for the community and should be protected from the kind of senseless vandalism that Mr. Aquino committed.”

As part of his sentence, Aquino, was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$29,598.45 to the Friends of Iolani Palace, and \$4,714 to the State of Hawaii. He had been held in custody since the incident.

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