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**PSD PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING OFFICER J. MARTE MARTINEZ PLEADS GUILTY
TO SUBMITTING FAKE TRANSCRIPTS TO INVESTIGATORS**

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HONOLULU – Department of Public Safety (PSD) Public Safety Training Officer J. Marte Martinez pled guilty today to four charges—two counts of Tampering with a Government Record and two counts of Unsworn Falsification to Authorities—arising from her submission of fake academic transcripts to internal affairs investigators.

After concerns were raised about Ms. Martinez’s educational background, PSD initiated an internal investigation into whether Ms. Martinez was qualified to hold the position of Public Safety Training Officer.

In today’s proceedings, Ms. Martinez pled guilty to submitting false transcripts, purportedly from the University of Southern Oregon and the University of Northern Virginia, to the internal affairs investigators.

Tampering with a Government Record and Unsworn Falsification to Authorities are both misdemeanors. Each count is punishable by up to one year in prison and a fine of up to \$2,000.

“Ms. Martinez knowingly submitted false documents about her educational background to misdirect an internal investigation looking into that exact issue,” said Attorney General Anne Lopez. “The people of Hawai’i rightfully expect integrity from public servants, and the Department of the Attorney General will forcefully prosecute this type of criminal behavior.”

The Investigations Division of the Department of the Attorney General led the investigation into this matter. Deputy Attorney General Lauren Nakamura of the Special

Investigation and Prosecution Division is the lead prosecutor on the case, *State v. Martinez*, 1CPC-22-000426.

First Circuit Court Judge Fa'auuga To'oto'o scheduled Ms. Martinez's sentencing for Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

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