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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATION
DIVISION MAKES ARREST IN OPERATION SAFE STREETS**

Targeting Non-Compliant Sex Offenders and Outstanding Sex Offense Warrants

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HONOLULU — The Department of the Attorney General Investigation Division's Sex Offender Registry Team (SORT) conducted enforcement initiative called "Operation Safe Streets," targeting individuals who failed to comply with Hawai'i's sex offender registration laws, as well as those with outstanding arrest warrants related to sex offender registration offenses.

The operation, which took place Wednesday in the Wai'anae and Waipahu areas, resulted in the arrest of 46-year-old Joseph Paoao on an outstanding arrest warrant for failure to register as a sex offender.

"This operation underscores our commitment to public safety and holding offenders accountable," said Investigations Division Chief Tom Alipio. "When individuals fail to comply with registration requirements or evade justice, it puts communities at risk. Our SOR Team will continue to pursue and apprehend those who attempt to avoid their

legal obligations.”

Under Hawai‘i law, convicted sex offenders are required to register and keep their information current, including addresses, employment and other identifying details. Failure to register is a class C felony criminal offense and can lead to a maximum five years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Department of the Attorney General encourages anyone with information about non-compliant sex offenders to report it to the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center. For more information on its office hours and contact information go to:

<https://ag.hawaii.gov/hcjdc/>

For more information about Hawai‘i’s Sex Offender Registry, please visit:

<https://sexoffenders.ehawaii.gov/sexoffender>

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