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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARGES TWO
HAWAI'I POLICE OFFICERS**

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HILO – On January 13, 2026, the Department of the Attorney General's Special Investigation and Prosecution Division (SIPD) charged Hawai'i Police Department officers Noah Serrao and Blaine Kenolio with criminal offenses stemming from unconstitutional searches of an arrestee's belongings.

Serrao is charged with Perjury, False Swearing in Official Matters, and Tampering with a Government Record. Kenolio is charged with Tampering with Physical Evidence. Perjury is a class C felony offense punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. False Swearing in Official Matters, Tampering with a Government Record and Tampering with Physical Evidence are misdemeanor offenses punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

The investigation was conducted by the Department of the Attorney General's SIPD and the Hawai'i Police Department. SIPD is the State of Hawai'i's primary law enforcement unit responsible for investigating and prosecuting corruption, fraud and economic crimes.

Attorney General Anne Lopez stated, "The charges filed today reinforce the fundamental principle that the law applies equally to everyone. We appreciate the

Hawai'i Police Department for being proactive and working closely with us on this investigation. At its core, this investigation reflects the need for accountability to maintain public trust, while also recognizing the dedication of the many officers who serve their communities with honor every day."

"Police misconduct is never easy to investigate, and I would like to thank Attorney General Anne Lopez and her staff for their efforts in this matter," said Hawai'i Police Department Interim Chief Reed Mahuna.

The case, State v. Noah Serrao and Blaine Kenolio, 3CPC-26-0000022 is being prosecuted by SIPD Deputy Attorney General Benjamin Rose.

Criminal charges are only allegations; Serrao and Kenolio are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The public can report corruption, fraud and economic crime using the Submit a Tip link on the SIPD website, located at <https://ag.hawaii.gov/sipd/tips/>. If there is an emergency or immediately threat to life, please call 911.

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