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**ATTORNEY GENERAL LOPEZ PROVIDES BIWEEKLY UPDATE ON
PUBLIC CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION**

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HONOLULU – The Department of the Attorney General today acknowledged continued public interest in the active and ongoing public corruption investigation and reiterated its commitment to completing a thorough and independent review of the facts.

In recent weeks, public discussion surrounding the investigation has intensified, fueled by media reports, public statements and speculation regarding individuals who may have been interviewed, contacted, subpoenaed, notified, or otherwise involved.

While the department understands the public's desire for answers, it cannot comment on specific investigative steps, evidence, witnesses, subpoenas, notifications or potential charging decisions while the investigation remains active.

Attorney General Anne Lopez emphasized that protecting the integrity of the investigative process requires restraint, even when public interest is high.

“Following all of the facts that are uncovered during an investigation is vital to maintain an objective focus. This includes corroborating evidence to verify the accuracy of the

facts. Shortcuts to speed up an investigation can harm the due process rights of the individual or individuals being investigated. This process takes time, but it is essential to maintaining public confidence in the outcome,” said Attorney General Lopez.

The Department of the Attorney General remains committed to transparency and will provide additional public information when it is appropriate to do so and when doing so will not compromise the integrity of the investigation or the rights of individuals involved.

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