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MARSHALL IGE PLEADS GUILTY

Attorney General Earl I. Anzai announced that former state senator Marshall Ige entered a plea of guilty to five criminal charges today.

General Anzai noted that “no person in Hawaii is above the law. If you violate the law you will be prosecuted. The success of this very important investigation was made possible by the coordinated efforts of investigators from the Department of the Attorney General and investigators from the Department of the Taxation. I would like to express my thanks to the Department of Taxation for their substantial contribution to the investigation.”

As part of a plea agreement, Ige agreed to the addition of three new misdemeanor charges of Failure to File Tax Return to the existing complaint of four felony charges. The amended complaint, therefore, includes seven counts. Ige entered a plea of guilty to five counts and two counts will be dismissed.

Ige entered a plea of guilty to two felonies, Theft in the Second Degree (victim Hahn Lam) and Attempt to Defeat or Evade Tax, and three misdemeanor counts (Failure to File Tax Return x 3). The remaining two felonies, Theft in the First Degree (victims Morris and Rita Wolfred) and Money Laundering, will be dismissed.

Although the theft charge to which the Wolfreds were victims will be dismissed with their consent, Ige will still be required to make full restitution for the \$30,000 obtained from them. When Ige is sentenced, the state will ask for a sentence of one year of imprisonment as well as fines and probation. Ige will be sentenced on May 28, 2002.

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