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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SWAMPED WITH CALLS REGARDING MEMORIAL MORTUARY

Based upon various news reports related to the execution of a search warrant at Memorial Mortuary in Hilo, Hawaii, the Attorney General's Office has received numerous calls from concerned Hawaii County residents regarding whether or not their deceased family members were properly buried by Memorial Mortuary. The Attorney General is aware of the sensitive nature of this investigation and has committed investigative resources to complete a thorough and timely investigation related to the allegations made against Memorial Mortuary.

Records were recovered from the mortuary and are being analyzed to determine which if any burial sites warrant a non-intrusive scan. Prior to any scan taking place, the next of kin or family member of the deceased will be contacted and asked to give consent for the scan. Only after all scans have been completed and a determination has been made that a burial may not have been done in accordance to the contracted burial plan, a disinterment may take place. Once again, before a disinterment takes place, the next of kin or family member of the deceased will be notified and consent will be obtained before a disinterment takes place. If the public has questions or information about this case they should call the Department of the Attorney General Investigations Division at (808)586-1240.