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WELFARE FRAUD CRACKDOWN CONTINUES

Acting Attorney General Thomas R. Keller announced today that:

On December 4, 2002, Honolulu resident Un Suk Pak, 40, pled no contest to one count of theft in the first degree before First Circuit Court Judge Richard K. Perkins. Between 1997 and 2001, Ms. Pak fraudulently obtained more than \$41,000.00 in food stamps, financial assistance, childcare assistance, and medical benefits by concealing from government authorities that she had more than \$78,000.00 in bank and stock brokerage accounts, by under-reporting her income, by forging pay stubs, and by falsely representing that her child's part time piano teacher was a full time childcare provider. Sentencing is set for February 5, 2003.

On November 20, 2002, Wahiawa resident Darnell C. Bolds, 40, pled no contest to one count of theft in the first degree before First Circuit Court Judge Richard K. Perkins. Between 1995 and 2001, Ms. Bolds fraudulently obtained more than \$81,000.00 in food stamps, financial assistance, childcare assistance, and medical benefits, by concealing from government authorities that the father of her minor children was in the home and employed, and by concealing for most of the period that her minor children were not living with her. Sentencing is set for January 29, 2003.

On November 20, 2002, Kaneohe resident Malissa K. Igafo, formerly known as Malissa K. Haili, 25, pled no contest to one count of theft in the first degree before First Circuit Court Judge Sandra A. Simms. Between 1998 and 2002, Mrs. Igafo fraudulently obtained more than \$37,000.00 in food stamps, financial assistance, and medical benefits by concealing from government authorities that the father of her minor children was living in the home and was employed. Sentencing will take

place on April 8, 2003.

On October 9, 2002, the Oahu Grand Jury indicted former Honolulu resident Natasha Ewing, also known as Natasha Charles, also known as Natasha Gantt, also known as Tosha Gantt, also known as Natasha Rombowa, also known as Natasha Ogunlade, 24, for one count of theft in the first degree. Ms. Ewing is accused of fraudulently obtaining more than \$29,000.00 in public assistance benefits between 1997 and 2001. An indictment is an accusation only. Ms. Ewing is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

A warrant for the arrest of Natasha Ewing is outstanding. Bail is set at \$20,000.00. Law enforcement officers are requesting the public's help in finding Natasha Ewing. Anyone having information concerning the whereabouts of Natasha Ewing is asked to call Special Investigator Lono Ho at (808) 586-1242 or the Welfare Fraud Hotline at (808) 587-8444.
