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Oceanic Time Warner McGruff Truck Driver Assists Maui Police In Apprehending Individuals Breaking Into Cars

HONOLULU-Alan Kojima of Oahu's Oceanic Time Warner Cable assisted Maui Police Department with apprehending two youth who were breaking into cars at Big Beach, Makena, Maui. Mr. Kojima was working on Maui and noticed two teenagers who were breaking into the vehicles in the parking lot at Big Beach. He contacted the police and worked with the police dispatcher to catch the two youth. He followed the two youth who had hitchhiked a ride from tourists. Patrol cars then arrived, cutting off the car they were riding in. The youth were then taken into custody.

"The McGruff Truck Program is an excellent example of a public/private partnership between government agencies and utility and cable companies that works to keep the community safe. I commend the efforts of Mr. Kojima in working with law enforcement. McGruff Truck drivers are the extra eyes and ears of the community who are able to assist law enforcement. The program not only comes to the aid of young children but works with everyone to keep our neighborhoods safe. We all need to take responsibility in preventing crime from occurring," said Mark Bennett, Attorney General.

The McGruff Truck Program is a statewide partnership between the Department of the Attorney General and utility and cable companies. It is a companion to the McGruff Crime Prevention Campaign that is coordinated by the Department. Participants of the McGruff Truck Program includes: Hawaii Electric Light Company, Hawaiian Electric Company, Kauai Department of Water, Kauai Island Utility Cooperative, Maui Electric Company, Oceanic Time Warner Cable, The Gas Company, and Verizon Hawaii.

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