

VII. Recently Arrested / Charged Segment:

Welcome back to “This Week With Hawaii’s Law Enforcement.” During this next segment of our show, we are going to update you on recently charged federal crimes in Hawaii.

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Brief Facts About the Case:

On August 3rd, a criminal complaint was filed in federal court charging Kendal Lewis, aka James Lewis, with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm and one count of possessing with intent to distribute cocaine.

According to court documents filed in this case, Mr. Lewis was previously convicted in the State of Hawaii for Robbery in the Second Degree, and for Assault in the Second Degree.

The facts of this case is very simple. On June 8th and again on July 5th, the Defendant sold cocaine to a government undercover individual.

On July 31st, he was arrested by police for these two undercover transactions. At the time, the Defendant was driving a Buick Lucerne.

After his arrest, investigators recovered as evidence, four ziplock baggies containing approximately 37 grams of cocaine, and one .380 caliber handgun which was loaded with one magazine and three rounds of ammunition.

Although the Defendant has been charged in federal court, his proceedings are on hold because he is presently in state custody on two additional charges for Promoting a Dangerous Drug in the First Degree.

The U.S. Marshal Service has filed a Detainer with the State to bring him into federal custody should the Defendant be released from state custody anytime in the future.

If convicted of the Felon in Possession of a Firearm charge, the maximum sentence the Defendant could receive will be ten years in jail. Additionally, if convicted of Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine, the maximum sentence the Defendant could receive will be twenty years in jail.

The public is reminded that the Defendant is presumed innocent of the charges, unless otherwise proven guilty in a Court of Law.

The prosecutor in this case is Assistant U.S. Attorney Darren Ching.

[SOUND OF JUDGE'S GAVEL]

Federal Court Trials:

Recently, after a jury trial, Jorge Casas was convicted on 14 counts of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine; distribution of the methamphetamine and cocaine, and numerous other counts of using a telephone to further a drug transaction.

The Defendant was the chief Defendant in a federal narcotics investigation in Hawaii dubbed, "Operation Powerball"-- which involved hundreds of hours of wiretap evidence and resulted in charges against almost 80 defendants (in 8 indictments).

Up until recently, the Defendant was a fugitive, which is why this case was tried now after all this time.

It took the jury less than a day to come back with their guilty verdicts.

The Defendant is scheduled for sentencing on December 14, 2006, before the Honorable U.S. Chief District Judge Helen Gillmor. At that time, he will be facing a mandatory minimum 10 years in jail and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

The prosecutor in this case is Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Cushman, and the defense attorney is Michael J. Park.

Sentenced:

The last case to report is a federal sentence in a narcotic trafficking case.

[SOUND OF SLAMMING CELL DOOR]

On August 14, 2006, United States District Judge Susan Oki Mollway sentenced Honolulu resident Dory Kim Frantz, age 41, to a prison term of 15 years and 8 months for conspiring to distribute and for distributing crystal methamphetamine. She was found guilty by a jury in April 2006.

Frantz was convicted for selling approximately four ounces of crystal meth to an undercover FBI agent in June 2005.

Oahu residents Greg Frantz, age 40, and Joey Nicolai, age 36, were also arrested at the time of the purchase and pled guilty to possession with intent to distribute four ounces of crystal meth.

In April (2006), Chief District Judge Helen Gillmor sentenced Greg Frantz to a prison term of ten years and one month. In May (2006), Judge Mollway sentenced Nicolai to a prison term of four years and nine months.

The prosecution of Dory Kim Frantz is a result of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Honolulu Police Department, and we would like to thank those agencies for a job well done.

Finally, the prosecution in this case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan M. F. Loo.

Second Break:

Now, we'll return again after this brief Public Service Announcement from MetLife Foundation, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and the Ad Council.

[PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT #2]

Male Talking to Young Child in Car:

“Lucky Lucy . . . Righty Tightly . . . Ok, here’s the thing about Yellow Snow . . . Now, I know my A-B-Cs, next time won’t you say . . .”

(Sound of Car Passing by with Car Horn Blowing)

Same Male Shouting: “LEARN HOW TO DRIVE YOU MORON !!!”

ANNOUNCER: Remember you are always teaching. Teach carefully. React with rage, and kids will learn its ok to do the same. Keep your cool, and kids will do likewise.

For advice, visit actagainstviolence.org. Brought to you by Metlife Foundation, National Association for the Education of Young Children, and the Ad Council.”