"This Week With Hawaii's Law Enforcement" [September 5, 2006]

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... And Aloha, and welcome to "<u>This Week With Hawaii's Law Enforcement</u>." Today is Tuesday, September 5th, 2006. I'm Ed Kubo, the U.S. Attorney for Hawaii, and I'm your host for this show.

The purpose of this show is to educate the public on how the law enforcement community is protecting the citizens of our state, and to update you on cases that is before the federal courts of Hawaii.

We will also give you an idea of how the U.S. Attorney's Office is playing a part in making this state a safer place to live and to visit.

This show will also provide the public with important anti-drug, anti-gang, and anti-gun information in hopes of decreasing crime in Hawaii through awareness and prevention.

Now, let's turn to the first part of our show --- the CrimeStoppers Segment. As you know, crime happens everyday in our world, and we need everyone to report any suspicious activities or crimes.

The police cannot do this alone, and so they need your help to solve many of the crimes in our neighborhoods. Here is an instance where you can help:

Police Are On The Lookout For Katherine F. McCollum:

In January of this year, the owner of Sugar Kane Realty, Rosemary Kane, reported that a former employee, identified as Katherine McCollum, and McCollum's husband had cashed several checks belonging to the company without authorization.

Kane received a call from two check cashing businesses, asking if the Defendant was authorized to cash the business checks, — and Kane told them that she had not given them authorization for the checks, and in fact, had not realized that the checks had been stolen.

According to Kane, she had fired McCollum the week before and the Defendant must have stolen the checks prior to leaving.

When she was arrested, McCollum admitted to stealing the checks and cashing them for an amount totaling \$18,000.00. The money was used to pay off a drug dealer that supplied her and her husband with cocaine.

McCollum now has a bench warrant out for her arrest. She is charged with six (6) Counts of Forgery in the 2nd Degree, and three (3) Counts of Theft in the 2nd Degree. Bail has been set in the amount of \$50,000.00.

McCollum is a 21-year old Caucasian female, standing 5 feet - 3 inches. She weighs approximately 148-lbs., with blond hair, and brown eyes.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Katherine McCollum is asked to call CrimeStoppers at (808) 955-8300 or *CRIME on a cell phone.

We thank Crimestoppers for the information that we are providing to you.

Now, we'll be right back after this brief Public Service Announcement about keeping children off of drugs by being a Mentor.

[PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT #1]

"Want to influence the kids in your community? Be a coach, a mentor, a volunteer, — because you have something to offer.

Log on to <u>Helpyourcommunity.org</u>, and help kids stay off drugs. Brought to you by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Ad Council."