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Chief Darryl Perry - Kauai Police Dept
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Chief Perry:

I would like to Congratulate you, on your appointment as Kauai Police Department's Chief of Police, and I would also like to welcome you back to our law enforcement family.

You have been given an rare opportunity that few have the chance to experience in life — a leadership position with the chance to make a difference for the people of this beautiful Island.

Because of your meritorious and distinguished career, the citizens of Kauai now have placed their trust in you. Trust that you will not only support and defend the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawaii and the United States, — but, a trust that you will exercise your law enforcement responsibilities with integrity and fairness. —And, I am very confident that you will make us all proud of you.

I have known you for about 25 years now, I met you when you were a young police officer with the Honolulu Police Department. At that time, I was with the City Prosecutor's Office and I witnessed your work-ethic and determination to make a difference then.

I handled your cases both in Honolulu's District and Circuit Court, and am proud to say that I never lost a case with you. That truly says a lot about the quality of work that you performed and the integrity that you held as a police officer.

Upon moving over to the U.S. Attorney's Office, I continued to watch you climb the ranks in HPD. Although we hardly came into contact during this period, I can state that everyone whom I talked to about you shared the same beliefs I did — and that was that your knowledge, training and skills in law enforcement was going to take you far.

And it has. That is why I am so very proud to be here today to welcome you as Kauai's Chief of Police. There was no doubt in my mind that you would come this far.

And you enter this role at an opportune time. These are challenging times for our State and this Island, because there are those in this world with hatred in their hearts and those who have criminal intent.

In Hawaii, we are constantly fighting a war against drugs that threaten to undermine our entire social fabric. And, drugs seem to be behind almost every criminal act we see in Hawaii today.

A recent news report indicated that although property crimes have steadily dropped since the early 2000s, this last year saw an up-tick in violent crime in our state. This disturbing trend demands a law enforcement response, because our people are entitled to a feeling of safety in their homes, and in their communities.

You are also stepping into your role in Kauai at a challenging moment. As you know, there is an issue facing this Island that have divided its people — involving the Superferry. We are a democracy who respects and holds differing opinions sacred — yet, we are a people who upholds and respects the rule of law.

The people of Kauai will be looking to you for leadership and strength in dealing with this issue as this matter is settled by the courts and according to law.

Thus, your work will necessarily involve matters which are serious, and some which may be dangerous, — but, in the end — and if you do your job fairly and impassionately, there will be much satisfaction gained because you will be the shining example of a true public servant — holding an office of respect while doing an honorable job for the betterment of our people on this Island.

At the end of your term, which I hope is a long one, I sincerely believe that you will walk away from this experience with a deep feeling of satisfaction, and knowing that you did your best to make Kauai a safer place. I pledge to you and to the people of Kauai my support and assistance in any way I possibly can.

In closing, I would also like to congratulate your family, friends and to the men and women of the Kauai Police Department. They must be very proud of your outstanding accomplishment. I know, I certainly am.

And, I know that our entire state is proud of you because you are a "local boy made good."

Good Luck to you in your endeavors, and I look forward to your positive contributions to our law enforcement family.

Thank you and Aloha.