

“This Week With Hawaii’s Law Enforcement”

In this last segment of our show, we will update the public on our outreach activities in the state.

Being a public servant means more than just catching the bad guy and putting him away. It means getting out there to talk to our citizens and to hear what they have to say about crime and other issues. It also means doing whatever we can to help the public in awareness and crime prevention ways.

This past week was a very busy week, but an enjoyable one for me as the U.S. Attorney for Hawaii.

On Sunday, I was at Da Bomb Radio Station with Sassy Magazine's Jody Shiroma doing a show on teen awareness about how pimps lure young women into prostitution in Hawaii, sexual predators, and also about the dangers of MySpace.com.

These shows are very educational and keeps our youth informed so that they are not victimized by others later on.

My congratulations to Jody Shiroma and Sassy and G Magazine for having such a great radio show and thank you for inviting me to be on the show.

On Tuesday, I had the opportunity to go to Kea'au High School on the Big Island where I had the chance to meet and talk to approximately 30 students there.

We gave them presentations on anti-drug, the dangers of sexual predators on the internet, and the dangers of underage drinking. These young adults were very attentive and I was very happy to meet all of them. Good luck to all of you out there at Kea'au High School, and my thanks to Mr. Russell Cummins and the teachers for having us.

On Wednesday, I hosted in my office a Health Care Training for investigators. Because of increasing amounts of fraud, waste and abuse against our Medicare and Medicaid programs, it is important to keep our investigators and prosecutors knowledgeable on the law.

Our policy is to aggressively investigate and prosecute violators of this law because many of these frauds also victimize our elderly and our poor.

On Thursday, I attended a breakfast seminar on Medicare Part D and the abuses done by criminals for the sake of profit and not for the cause of helping our people. This seminar was hosted by Kaiser Permanente and was attended by well over 50 persons. My thanks to Kaiser and its Regional Counsel, Keith Lee for putting this very interesting event together.

On Thursday, I also attended the Kalihi Business Association Meeting to do a rap up on their First Annual Sunset in the Park Event, which was held on Saturday - Sunday, June 17 -18th. The event was a great family event at Kalakaua District Park, which included Movies on the Wall, inflatables for the kids, and there was great food and entertainment.

This was a very successful event and I want everyone to note on their calendar to attend next year's event.

My Thanks to Ron Jones from the KBA, Patty Teruya from the Mayor's Office, and everyone else who helped in organizing the event.

Finally, this past Saturday morning, I had the pleasure of attending Matt Levi's Martial Arts School's Ceremony at Kuhio Park Terrace. Chief Boisse Correia of HPD, Dept of Education Superintendent Pat Hamamoto, various state judges and other dignataries were invited to this ceremony.

This program takes young adults and trains them not only in the martial arts, but it also focuses them on mental and physical discipline and control – which helps to build a solid foundation for their future.

They have taken at-risk teens from Hawaii's drug court program and have really turned them around into positive and motivated young adults, and I am so very honored to be invited to these ceremonies.

I would also like to congratulate Matt Levi, who was promoted to 8th degree black and red belt. His promotion to the title of professor in martial arts is truly deserving because of what he is doing in our community.

This Saturday afternoon, I also attended Family Day at Kapiolani Park. This annual event promotes good family values and celebrates the family with music from Kapena, Jordon Segundo, and other great artists. There were other culture events like Taiko Drums, Chinese Lion Dancing, and Hula.

Finally, there were informational booths there, and inflatables for the children to enjoy.

While there, I was very privileged to meet a few of our heros from World War II — The "Go For Broke" Men of the 442nd. I was very honored to meet these men who fought for our freedoms in Europe.

Thank you to Garrett Hashimoto who organized this successful event for our families in Hawaii.