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**Former Supervisor Investigator
of the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
Pleads Guilty to Theft and Unauthorized Computer Access**

HONOLULU – Craig Whang, a former investigator for the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, pled guilty today to two counts of theft in the second degree and two counts of unauthorized computer access in the first degree.

In the theft cases, Whang used county funds to purchase firearm accessories, the value of which exceeded \$300, with the intent to deprive the City and County of Honolulu of the property. In the unauthorized computer access cases, Whang used an Internet company locator service, paid for by the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, to locate people to serve subpoenas for a private process serving business in Hawaii.

In both cases, Whang conducted these illegal and unauthorized activities while employed as a supervisor investigator by the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 26, 2008 before the Honorable Richard K. Perkins. In the theft cases, Whang faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. In the unauthorized computer access case, Whang faces a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and a fine of up to a \$25,000. Whang has informed the court that he will be seeking a deferred acceptance of his guilty plea at sentencing.

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