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Attorney General files Aiea drug nuisance abatement action

(HONOLULU) The Attorney General's Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit has filed an action alleging that defendant Chad Mitchell Kaneko caused, maintained, aided, abetted, and permitted a drug nuisance to occur at a Haaheo Place residence in Aiea.

The State also filed an Ex Parte Petition for a Temporary Writ of Injunction to prohibit Kaneko from residing in or returning to his residence. Judge Karen Ahn signed an order temporarily prohibiting Kaneko from entering or returning to the Haaheo Place property. The prohibition will remain in effect until a hearing on July 29, 2005. At the hearing, the State will ask the court to extend the prohibition.

A Special Agent of the Department of the Attorney General, together with officers of the Honolulu Police Department Vice/Narcotics Division, served the complaint and order on Kaneko on July 27, 2005. Kaneko has twenty days from the date of service to respond to the allegations.

"This action sends a message to drug dealers that Aiea residents will not tolerate drug sales in their neighborhood," Attorney General Mark Bennett said. "We are committed to working closely with the community and other law enforcement agencies to disrupt drug distribution throughout Hawaii."

Attorney General Bennett encourages the public to report suspected drug houses and illegal drug activity to the police, or to contact the Attorney General's Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit at:

Oahu: (808) 586-1328 Neighbor Islands toll free: (800) 9NO-METH (966-6384) Fax: (808) 586-1371 E-mail: <u>stopice@hawaii.gov</u> Or file a report by logging on to <u>www.hawaii.gov/ag/stop_ice_index.htm</u>.

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