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**INDIVIDUALS INDICTED
FOR FAILING TO PAY STATE TAXES**

(HONOLULU) - Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that two employees of the Honolulu Police Department have been indicted for attempting to evade paying their state taxes over a number of years by falsely claiming to be exempt from paying state taxes or claiming excessive exemptions on their HW-4 forms and failing to timely report and pay their state income taxes.

It is alleged that during a four-year period, Police Officer William B. Gaspar, Jr. failed to pay approximately \$21,317.00 in state income taxes. Officer Gaspar is charged with four counts each of Failing to File Tax Returns and of Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax. It is alleged that during a five-year period, Police Matron Laura Chun failed to pay approximately \$10,586.00 in state income taxes. Ms. Chun is charged with five counts each of Failing to File Tax Returns and Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax.

The prosecution of these cases is the result of a joint effort between the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Taxation.

Failure to timely file a tax return is a misdemeanor offense punishable by up to one (1) year imprisonment and a \$25,000.00 fine. The Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax is a class C felony punishable by up to five (5) years imprisonment and a \$100,000.00 fine.

An indictment is a mere accusation and the individual named in the indictment is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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