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Former Youth Corrections Officer Pleads Guilty to Sexual Assault and Terroristic Threatening

HONOLULU - Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that former Youth Corrections Officer Li'a Olione pled guilty today to three counts of sexual assault and one count of terroristic threatening related to the June 14, 2003 sexual assault of a female ward while the ward was incarcerated at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility.

As part of a plea agreement, Olione agreed to a consecutive sentencing provision that requires the court to sentence him to consecutive terms of imprisonment that would total 15 years. He also agreed to stipulate to a joint recommendation to the Hawaii Paroling Authority that he serve nine years of imprisonment before becoming eligible for parole. Olione will be sentenced on July 20th at 11:30 am.

"The State of Hawaii will not tolerate the abuse of the wards at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility," Bennett stated. "We will vigorously prosecute those who grossly abuse the positions of trust into which they are placed."

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