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### **KAUA`I COUPLE SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR INSURANCE FRAUD**

HONOLULU – The Hawai`i Insurance Division reports the successful prosecution of Clifford Cabinatan and Kelly Teves-Cabinatan of Hanamalu, Kaua`i.

The couple was sentenced to jail for insurance fraud and theft of more than \$6,000 from GEICO Casualty. In May 2006, Clifford Cabinatan intentionally damaged his vehicle during a domestic dispute. Witnesses as well as police reports confirmed the incident. However, the couple called the Kaua`i Police Department and reported vandalism to their vehicle. The Cabinatans also phoned GEICO Casualty claiming someone vandalized their vehicle.

Clifford Cabinatan pleaded guilty to one count of theft in the second degree and one count of insurance fraud, both felonies and false reporting to law enforcement authorities. In February 2009, a judge sentenced Clifford Cabinatan to one year in jail, five years of probation, 500 hours of community service, restitution to GEICO Casualty and to pay court fines and fees. Kelly Teves-Cabinatan also pleaded guilty to the same charges. She was sentenced to 60 days in jail, five years of probation, 500 hours of community service, restitution to GEICO Casualty and to pay court fines and fees.

“Insurance fraud is a crime,” said Insurance Commissioner J.P. Schmidt, “Insurance fraud affects everyone by inflating the cost of insurance.”

Notifying the Hawai`i Insurance Division or insurance companies of suspicious fraud activity can help in lowering premiums in Hawai`i.

For more information on insurance fraud or to report suspicious activity call the **Insurance Fraud Hotline at 587-7416.**

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