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COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST FUEL DISTRIBUTOR

HONOLULU — A criminal complaint was filed on April 2, 2008 against Michael Rossman, president of Fuelman, Inc., and his corporation, Fuelman, Inc., for multiple tax violations. The complaint states Rossman was the responsible person who failed to file the Monthly Liquid Fuel Tax Returns of his corporation for the months of January 2004, September through December 2004 and January through March 2005. In addition, the corporation was also charged with failing to file its Monthly Liquid Fuel Tax Returns for the same periods.

Rossman and the corporation were served on April 21, 2008 and will be arraigned on May 2, 2008 at First District Court in Honolulu.

In accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statute §243-10, each distributor and each person subject to the fuel tax law shall file a monthly liquid fuel tax return showing the number of gallons of fuel oil sold.

Willful failure to file a return is a violation of Section 231-35 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes and if convicted, is punishable by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for an individual and \$100,000 for a corporation per violation, and a period of incarceration not to exceed one year or probation.

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