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**REALTOR SENTENCED FOR TAX VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU — Another realtor has been sentenced for failing to file their general excise tax returns. Monalisa Sabo, pled guilty to six counts of willfully failing to file her returns for tax years 2000 through 2005. She was sentenced before the Honorable Leslie A. Hayashi and was granted a deferred acceptance of guilty plea with a one-year deferral.

Sabo was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$28,935, which is a free standing order, a fine of \$12,000, and court fees. The deputy attorney general also requested that she be required to make minimum monthly payments towards her restitution and fine amounts given the current financial status of the economy. After an exchange of arguments between the parties, Sabo agreed to make minimum monthly payments of \$500. She must also remain tax compliant as another condition of her deferral.

Sabo earned over \$723,000 in real estate commissions for the years 2000 through 2005 and did not file any returns to report the income she received. The six charges in which she pled guilty to are misdemeanor violations as described in HRS § 231-35. Anyone convicted of this offense can be assessed a fine up to \$25,000 per violation, a period of

incarceration not to exceed one-year or probation. Corporations can be assessed a fine up to \$100,000 per violation.

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