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LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER SENTENCED FOR TAX VIOLATIONS

HONOLULU— A Honolulu business owner was sentenced today before Judge Richard Perkins on multiple counts of failing to file general excise and net income tax returns. Wilmette K. Soon, owner of Restaurant Grease Busters was charged with failing to file the company's general excise annual returns for tax years 2003 through 2008 as well as her personal income tax returns for the same years. She pled guilty to all counts and was granted a one-year deferral of her plea. She was ordered to pay a fine of \$12,000 as well as other court fees at the rate of \$1,000 per month. In addition, she must also perform 300 hours of community service and remain in tax compliance throughout her period of probation. No restitution was ordered as it was paid prior to sentencing.

Restaurant Grease Busters is a company that does consulting work and cleaning of grease traps for various local businesses and received an average gross income of \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Failing to file a tax return is a misdemeanor violation as described in H.R.S. §231-35 that carries of fine up to \$25,000 per violation for individuals, a maximum one-year jail term or probation. Corporations can be subject to a fine up to \$100,000 per violation.

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