



DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

News Release

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

FRED PABLO
DIRECTOR

For Immediate Release:
December 15, 2011

**Department of Taxation Calls for Investigation
Following Security Audit**

Honolulu – This year, the Department of Taxation (DOTAX) conducted a comprehensive evaluation of its processes and systems, including an audit of its security systems and internal controls. During the audit, DOTAX uncovered incidents of internal security breaches of the Department's computer tax database that have occurred at least as far back as 2008. These incidents were immediately referred to the Department of the Attorney General for review and investigation.

"Protecting the integrity of tax records is a serious matter," said Tax Director Fred Pablo. "The possibility of wrongful actions are extremely disturbing, which is why these matters were immediately reported to the Attorney General."

DOTAX has put a number of people on administrative leave without pay while a complete and thorough investigation is conducted.

The pending investigation prevents the Department from issuing any further statements at this time.

###

For more information, contact: Mallory Fujitani
(808) 587-1481 or mallory.c.fujitani@hawaii.gov