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**LOCAL BUSINESSMAN SENTENCED FOR TAX VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU— William A. Bartenstein, who specializes in selling Corvettes and other high-end sports and luxury vehicles, was sentenced in Honolulu District Court on December 20, 2011, by the Honorable Judge Faye M. Koyanagi for willfully failing to file his annual general excise tax returns for the years 2003 through 2007.

Bartenstein was sentenced to one year of probation and 200 hours of community service. The conditions of probation include being tax compliant, and remaining arrest and conviction-free during the term of probation.

Bartenstein was found ineligible for a deferral of his guilty plea due to his 2010 conviction for failing to file a currency transaction report with the Internal Revenue Service, for accepting more than \$10,000 in a single cash transaction for the sale of a car. Bartenstein made payments to the Department of Taxation totaling \$44,974 for general excise taxes due for the years 2003 through 2007.

Willful failure to file return is a misdemeanor violation that carries a fine of up to \$25,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for corporations, and a period of incarceration not to exceed one year, or probation.

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