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POLICE OFFICER PLEADS NO CONTEST WHILE CANADIAN NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR INSURANCE FRAUD AND ATTEMPTED THEFT

HONOLULU – On November 1, 2011, Honolulu Police Officer Cheyenne Garcia pled no contest to one count of Insurance Fraud and one count of Attempted Theft in the Second Degree. Both charges are C felonies punishable by up to 5 years in jail. Garcia will be sentenced on January 11, 2012 by the Honorable Colette Y. Garibaldi.

In an unrelated case, Craig Brown, a citizen of Canada was sentenced on November 2, 2011 by the Honorable Richard K. Perkins to five years of probation for insurance fraud and attempted theft, both C felonies punishable by up to 5 years in jail. On September 3, 2009, Mr. Brown reported his motorcycle stolen to the Honolulu Police Department. Approximately five hours later, Brown contacted GEICO Insurance Company and obtained an insurance policy. On September 30, 2009, Brown contacted GEICO and reported his motorcycle stolen on September 4, 2009, in an attempt to have GEICO pay over \$6000.00 for the motorcycle.

Judge Perkins sentenced Brown to probation and ordered that he pay court fines and fees. Brown is ineligible for a deferral based on his criminal history. Brown stated through his attorney Rick Sing that he will voluntarily turn himself in to immigration for deportation to Canada.

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