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HAWAII INSURANCE COMMISSIONER FINES AGENT \$10,000, REVOKES LICENSE FOR IMPROPER TREATMENT OF SENIOR

HONOLULU -- State Insurance Commissioner J.P. Schmidt issued a notice of intent to assess a fine of \$10,000 and revoke the insurance producer's license of Reed N.S. Anderson-Teshima.

An investigation, which concluded in November, revealed that Mr. Anderson-Teshima sold a United HealthCare Medicare Advantage plan to a senior citizen at a retirement home on Maui. The investigation found that the individual was clearly not competent to understand the transaction, and that her daughter had been authorized to take care of this type of transaction for her.

"Unfortunately we have seen an increase in the number of complaints where licensees have taken advantage of seniors," said Schmidt. "The Administration will take swift and strong action against any abuse of our kupuna involving any other insurance matters."

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