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TAX VIOLATIONS FILED AGAINST DEAD BEAT DADS

HONOLULU — The Hawai'i County Prosecutor's Office has indicted two deadbeat dads for multiple tax violations and back child support payments. They are the first criminal tax cases being prosecuted by that office.

Former Big Island resident David K. Borges Sr. was indicted by a grand jury for attempting to evade or defeat tax and willfully failing to file state general excise and income tax returns for 2005 and 2006. The six-count indictment states Borges was the owner of a company called Dave's Concrete, Inc., and charged the corporation with one count of attempting to evade or defeat tax and one count of willfully failing to file its annual general excise tax return for 2006. Borges was also indicted on the same charges and was named as the responsible person for the corporation in the indictment.

The last two counts of the indictment were against Borges personally for failing to file his own net income tax return for 2006 and his 2005 general excise annual return. A separate indictment for his alleged failure to pay back child support of his three children was also issued.

In another case, a criminal complaint was filed against David B. Almond on July 2, 2008. He was charged with eight counts of failing to file his annual general excise and net income returns for tax years 2003 through 2006. His arraignment is scheduled for July 31, 2008 in Hilo District Court. Almond was also indicted earlier this year for his alleged failure to pay child support of his minor child.

The Hawai'i County Prosecutor's Office began filing criminal charges against deadbeat parents living on the Big Island and in the cases being investigated, the amount owed in child support exceeds \$20,000. Their investigations into these parents also uncovered potential tax violations that prompted the agency to contact the tax office.

Deputy Prosecutor Rick Damerville obtained a grant for the Hawai'i County Prosecutors Office that is dedicated to prosecuting deadbeat parents. As a former deputy attorney general, Damerville prosecuted many of the department's early criminal tax cases and is very familiar with the noncompliance of our tax system. Since his departure from the Attorney General's Office, the number of criminal tax cases prosecuted has increased and has resulted in millions of dollars being collected in unpaid taxes. He is hopeful that the joint efforts between the prosecutor's office and the tax department will once again prove to be successful by furthering tax compliance and collecting what is rightfully owed to the children of deadbeat parents.

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