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**FORMER HONOLULU POLICE OFFICER FOUND GUILTY OF STATE TAX CRIMES**

HONOLULU – Former Honolulu police officer William B. Gasper, Jr. has been found guilty by a Honolulu jury on two counts of Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax and two counts of Wilful Failure to File Return relating to the tax years 2003 and 2004. Gasper was acquitted on two counts of Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax and two counts of Wilful Failure to File Return relating to the tax years 2001 and 2002.

Gasper attempted to evade paying state taxes by falsely claiming to be exempt from paying state taxes on his Form HW-4, and failed to timely file his individual state income tax returns and pay his state income taxes.

The prosecution of Gasper is the result of a joint effort between the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Taxation.

Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax is a class C felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment or a \$100,000 fine or both. Wilful Failure to File Return is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year imprisonment or a \$25,000 fine or both.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 9, 2009 before the Honorable Steven S. Alm.

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