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RETURN PREPARER SENTENCED IN TAX CASE

HONOLULU — Daven Temple, a local tax return preparer, was sentenced on July 13, 2009 before Judge Leslie Hayashi for failing to file her general excise tax returns from 2002 through 2006. She also claimed responsibility for failing to file her husband's excise tax returns for the same years and pled guilty to all ten counts.

Judge Hayashi granted Temple a deferral of her guilty plea and placed her on probation for a year. Temple was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$29,015, a fine of \$5,000 and court fees of \$550. She must also remain tax compliant throughout her deferral period.

Failing to file a tax return is a misdemeanor violation punishable by a fine up to \$25,000 per violation, a one-year period of incarceration or probation.

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