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BUSINESSMAN SENTENCED IN TAX CASE

HONOLULU— Brian Wada, an Oahu resident, and his corporation, Kamaaina's Food Service, Inc. were charged with willful failure to file general excise and corporate income tax returns for 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Wada and Kamaaina's Food Service, Inc. pled guilty to a total of ten counts each of willfully failing to file tax returns and were sentenced before District Court Judge Leslie A. Hayashi on June 23, 2011.

Prior to being sentenced, Wada and Kamaaina's Food Service, Inc. paid restitution in the amount of \$121,775 to the Department of Taxation.

The court denied Wada's and Kamaaina's Food Service, Inc.'s requests for a deferred acceptance of guilty plea. Instead, Wada and Kamaaina's Food Service were sentenced to one year probation for each count to run concurrently and ordered to pay fines in the amount of \$1,000 per count per defendant (a total of \$20,000 in fines in aggregate). In addition, Wada and Kamaaina's Food Service, Inc. were ordered to be current and in compliance on all state tax liabilities.

Willful Failure to File Return is a misdemeanor violation that carries a fine up to \$25,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for corporations, and a period of incarceration not to exceed one year or probation.

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