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## Local Businessman Pleads Guilty to Tax Violation

Honolulu – On February 3, 2016, local businessman Jason T. Ibara and Commercial Energy Hawaii, LLC pled guilty in District Court of the First Circuit, Honolulu Division, State of Hawaii for wilful failure to file General Excise Tax returns for the tax year ending December 31, 2011 in violation of Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 231-35. Ibara faces a fine of not more than \$25,000, imprisonment of not more than one year, or probation, when sentenced on April 7, 2016.

Ibara was previously convicted in 2002 for federal fraud violations and was sentenced to 33 months imprisonment. This investigation was coordinated by the Criminal Investigation Section of State Department of Taxation and the Department of the Attorney General.

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