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HONOLULU REAL ESTATE BROKER SENTENCED FOR STATE TAX CRIMES

HONOLULU – Gordon C.Y. Au, a Honolulu real estate broker, was sentenced today on multiple counts of state tax crimes.

On May 25, 2010, a Honolulu jury found Au guilty of ten counts of Wilful Failure to File Return, a misdemeanor, for failing to timely file his general excise tax returns and his individual state income tax returns for the years 2002-2006.

During the trial, Au claimed that he did not have to file tax returns because he claimed to be a Hawaiian national and claimed that the Kingdom of Hawaii was illegally overthrown.

The Honorable Michael D. Wilson sentenced Au to eleven months of imprisonment on each of the ten counts, to run concurrently, and ordered him to pay restitution to the State in the amount of \$24,987 at a rate of \$250 a month.

The prosecution of Au is the result of a joint effort by the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Taxation.

"All citizens have the responsibility to pay the taxes they owe to the State," Attorney General Mark Bennett said. "In conjunction with the Department of Taxation, we will vigorously prosecute those who willfully fail to pay their state taxes."

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