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### **PUNA CRIME STATS FOR MARCH 2023**

Volcano	
Assault-1	Liona Street
Theft-6	Haunani Road Liona Street Liona Street 400 Block of Old Volcano Road Hilohilo Street Kahaulea Road

Mt. View	
Assault-3	Uau Road Makoa Road
	Oahu Street
Burglary-4	Ueyama Camp Road 183000 Block Old Volcano Road Ohialani Road North Lauko Road
Major TC-2	North Kulani Road North Kulani Road
Theft-12	North Kulani Road Poola Road Opeapea Road Makoa Road Ao Road Mauna Kea Drive Moho Road Kahaualea Road Makoa Road Plumeria Street Opeapea Road Kukui Camp Road
UCPV-4	Uhini Ana Road 17-1000 Block of Old Volcano Road Kahaualea Road Ooaa Road



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Kurtistown	
Assault-1	Huina Road
Major TC-1	Huina Road
Theft-1	17-0300 Block of Old Volcano Road(7-11)

Keaau	
Assault-5	23 Ave/Kaloli Drive Orchidland Drive Paradise Ala Kai Drive Orchidland Drive 16-0500 Keaau Pahoa Road (Keaau MS)
Burglary-2	17th Ave 20th Ave
Major TC-5	Kuaaina Road 26th Ave Meaulu Street 24th Ave Hwy 130/Paradise Drive
Theft-23	Kaloli Point (Shipman Beach) 16-0700 Keaau Pahoa Rd (KHS) Old Volcano Road (Keaau Shopping Cent) 4th Ave 26th Ave 38th Ave 24th Ave 28th Ave Kalara Street Melekahiwa Street 24th Ave Beach Road Beach Road Government Beach Road Orchidland Drive Melekahiwa Street 16-0400 Old Volcano Road (7-11) Williama Street 16-0400 Old Volcano Road (7-11) Ohe Street Huina Place



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Keaau Continued	
UCPV-5	1st Ave
	Beach Road
	21st Ave
	1st Ave
	21st Ave
UEMV-9	Kaloli Point (Shipman Parking lot)
	24th Ave
	Beach Road
	Beach Road
	Orchidland Drive
	Orchidland Drive
	24th Ave
	2nd Ave
	Williama Street
	3rd Ave

Pahoa	
Assault-20	Pahoa Kalapana Road 15-2500 Railroad Ave Keaau Pahoa Road (Serenity House) Keaau Pahoa Road (Serenity House) Nahokulele Street Pahoa Village Road (Malama gas and go) Pahoa Village Road (Malama gas and go) Pahoa Village Road/Kono Street Pahoa Village Road (Pahoa HS) Pahoa Village Road (Pahoa HS) Pahoa Village Road (Pahoa HS) Awa Street Pahoa Village Road Driftwood Lane Seaview Circle Pahoa Village Road Mapuana Ave
Burglary-9	Kula Street Kula Street Makoi Road South Puni Makai Loop Leilani Ave



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Burglary(Continued)	Flower Road
	Pahoa Village Road (Banana Rama)
	Paradise Road
	Kehau Road
Major TC-4	Pahoa Village road/Malama MKT
	Hapuu Road/Church
	Keaau Pahoa Road (Ainaloa Roundabout)
	Kamaili Road
Theft-26	Kahakai Blvd (Keonepoko Elem)
	Pohoiki Road
	Brookover Street
	Pahoa Village Road (Boogie Woogie Pizza)
	Pahoa Road
	Hapuu Road
	Azure Drive
	Lilikoi Drive
	Pahoa Village Road (Jans Barber)
	Ginger Cir/kapuna Road
	Kehau Road/Nanawale Blvd
	Railroad Ave
	Kahena Beach
	Kahakai Blvd (Longs Drugs)
	Hilonani Drive
	Pahoa Village Road (Malama Market)
	Kahena Beach
	Treefern Drive
	Kupono Street
	Pahoa Kalapana Road
	Flower Road
	Pahoa Village Road
	Seadrift Road
	Ala Lokelani Street
	Kaohwalu Drive
	Pahoa Village Road (Malama Market)
Dahhamid	Dahaa Karaha Daad
Robbery-1 UCPV-9	Pahoa Kapoho Road Leilani Drive
001 V-9	Kahakai Blvd
	Kahena Beach
	Aweoweo Street
	Treefern Drive
	Makoi Road
	Kahakai Blvd
	Puua Road
UEMV-5	
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UEMV-5	Kalapana Beach West Pohakupele Loop West Pohakupele Loop Pahoa Kapoho Road Donnybrook Lane Pahoa Kapoho Road



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### Officer of the Year 2022



### Officer Michael SAILER

Officer Michael SAILER was recognized for his exceptional investigative police work and lifesaving efforts during an incident involving the kidnapping and torture of a male victim, Officer Sailer was honored as Officer of the Month for June 2022 by the Aloha Exchange Club of East Hawai'i during a ceremony Thursday, July 14, 2022, in Hilo.

A four-year veteran of the department, Officer Sailer responded to a report of a dispute at a residence in Volcano on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Upon arrival, Officer Sailer began searching the area initially making a loud announcement of police presence. He heard a male yelling for help one time then it became quiet. Officer Sailer continued calling out "police!" for several minutes with no response.

In the quiet, Officer Sailer could hear heavy breathing coming from inside the residence.

Officer Sailer again called out "police!" and observed what appeared to be a small amount of blood on the front door. While at the front door, he called out "police!" again and a teenage male answered the door. The officer noted that the male was wearing gloves and could hear a man yell for help from inside the residence.

Asking the teen to step out from the residence, Officer Sailer entered the front room and discovered a man lying on the floor handcuffed with his feet zip-tied and a second man kneeling on top of the male victim. In addition to having his hands and feet restrained, the victim had a rag partially stuffed in his mouth and duct taped.

The man kneeling on the victim told officers that there was a restraining order and that the tied up male had broken the law.



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After securing the residence, Officer Sailer found tactical gear, an assault rifle, a pistol, ammunition, and evidence of a kidnapping and assault that had taken place in the residence. In the course of investigation, Officer Sailer discovered that the victim had been held against his will within the residence and assaulted. It appeared that the two males in the residence may have intended on killing the victim and covering up the incident.

The two males involved were eventually charged with a variety of crimes, including kidnapping and assault.

Officer Sailer's perseverance to uncover what had transpired that evening in Volcano resulted in him interrupting a potential homicide in the making. Through his efforts, a life was saved, two violent suspects were apprehended, and multiple firearms were safely recovered.

Every year a Puna Offcer is selected by his peers and supervisors for their outstanding work and has the title of Puna officer of the year. This year Puna Officer of the Year is Officer Michael Sailer

Officer Sailer was also selected by the Aloha Exchange Club to be the Hawaii Police Department Officer of the Year.

Congratulations and good job Officer Sailer.

#### PUNA TOP ENFORCER 2022



Officer Laurence DAVIS

Each year a Puna Officer is selected for his outstanding traffic enforcement. This officer issued the most traffic citations and initiated the most Driving Under the Influence (DUI) cases. This officer holds the tittle for Top Enforcer, and goes to Officer Laurence DAVIS.

Officer DAVIS 2022 citations and arrest statistics is:

Citations- 454 speeding, 141 moving violations, 52 seatbelts, 13 child restraints, 3 loud mufflers, 460 regulatory, 120 parking, 57 abandoned vehicle, and 243 unsafe.

Arrest–81 adult and 5 juveniles, 22 out of the 81 were Driving Under the Influence.

Job well done and keep up the good work Officer Davis.



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#### **SUMMER APPROACHING**

As the temperature rise, so does the crime rate. Each summer, home burglaries increase by about 10.5 percent. Before you pack up for a summer road trip or open up all the doors and windows to enjoy some fresh air, you may want to think twice. There's a definite correlation between summer and crime, but why? There are a few theories as to why crime rates rise during the summer.

#### WHY DOES CRIME INCREASE DURING THE SUMMER?

According to a report from the Department of Justice, crime is more common in the summer than the winter. Burglaries are more than 10 percent more common, but that isn't the only type of crime that goes up during the summer months. Household property victimization, household larceny and serious violent crimes are also more common in the summer.

### WHY DOES SUMMER BRING OUT THE WORST IN PEOPLE?

Homes may be more tempting to criminals because windows and doors are left open more frequently, and homeowners often spend less time at home when the weather is pleasant. Many criminals are opportunists, and opportunities present themselves more frequently during the summer months.

But what about violent crimes? Open front doors are an open invitation for criminals, but that doesn't necessarily explain the increased number of homicides and other violent crimes during the summer.

According to studies, the reason may actually be quite simple. As temperatures rise, many people are generally uncomfortable. This discomfort can give rise to aggression which could lead to aggressive criminal activity



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#### **HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF**

When crime rates are at their peak, it's important to protect yourself and your family. Exercise common sense, and keep your doors and windows locked, especially when you aren't home. You may also want to consider replacing your locks or investing in a home security system.

#### **SOCIAL INTERACTION**

It's common for people to spend more time with friends and family during the summer. While this is not a bad thing in and of itself, it does provide more opportunities for arguments or altercations to start and potentially escalate to the point of violent crime.

#### KIDS ARE OUT OF SCHOOL

Juveniles can commit violent crimes, too. Kids being out of school gives them a significant amount of free time. For some, this time is used to engage in more delinquent activities, some of which are violent. Assault is one of the most common crimes that juveniles commit.

#### **SUMMER VACATION**

Many people go on trips over the summer. On these trips, many of the above factors also play a role. In tourist areas, the streets are more densely populated for longer periods of time, and many vacationers also enjoy alcohol throughout their trip. Additionally, travelers are less aware of their surroundings in a new area. This could make them a target for violent crime. Vacationers are also generally more relaxed and focused on having fun, which prevents them from identifying potential risks to their safety.

#### **AVOID AN ARREST THIS SUMMER**

**Get out of the heat:** If you notice yourself becoming frustrated after being outside, get out of the heat. Get a drink, stay in the shade, and relax to get back to your normal body temperature. Doing this will likely help your agitation before you make any rash decisions.

**Consider why:** If you find yourself becoming angry, take a second to think about what could be contributing to your feelings. Are you overheated? Have you been drinking? Noticing these factors could help you diffuse the situation in your mind and recognize that what you are experiencing heightened emotions.

**Know your triggers:** Know what situations or people trigger you to become more angry. If you can, avoid them. If you can't avoid them, be proactive by decreasing your alcohol intake or doing other calming behaviors before entering the potentially triggering situation.

**Go home:** If you know that being out late presents you with opportunities to commit crimes, or you have a record, take yourself home. This can be extremely difficult, but it's the best way to avoid trouble.

For parents of juveniles: You may choose to establish a curfew this summer or otherwise monitor your child's behavior to ensure that they are not engaging in criminal activity



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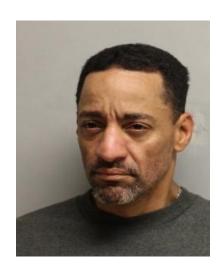
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**William MORESETH** 



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