



PUNA NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

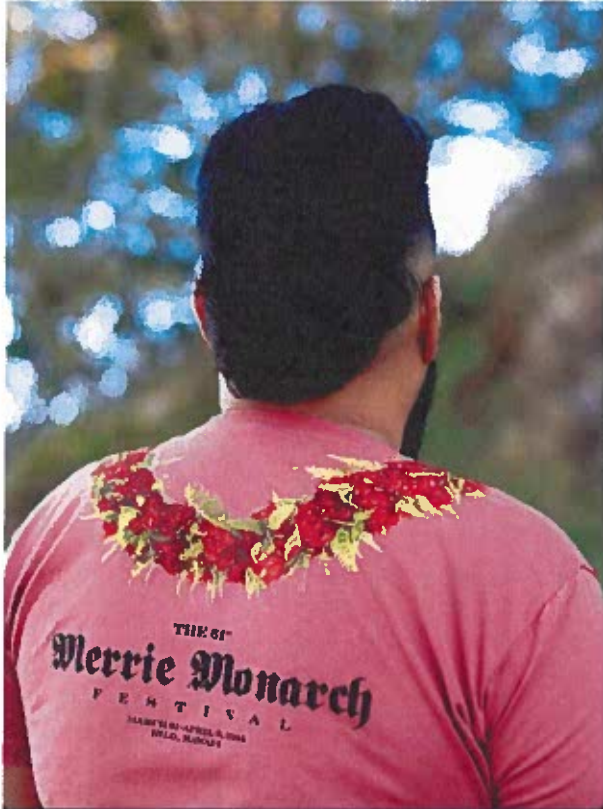
April is recognized as National Stress Awareness Month to bring attention to the negative impact of stress. Managing stress is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle. Knowing how to manage stress can improve mental and physical well-being as well as minimize exacerbation of health-related issues.

The goal of this newsletter is to provide community information, crime prevention tips & education, inform you about crime in our community, and alert you to upcoming Police Department events. We look forward to sharing this information and helping you learn how to keep your families, homes and property safer.

In this newsletter you will find:

- Merrie Monarch
- Noisy Dogs
- Youth Media Challenge
- Braddah Cuz Flyer
- We Are Hiring
- Crime Trends
- Puna's Most Wanted
- Public Service Announcement





MERRIE MONARCH 2024

The week-long cultural festival is expected to draw thousands of participants and enthusiasts to Hawai'i Island, which could mean increased crowds, limited parking, and agitated drivers for not only Hilo but all surrounding communities.

By following these tips, community members can help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all attendees at the large event.

PRO TIPS:

- **Stay Informed:** Keep up-to-date with event details, road closures, and safety information provided by local authorities or at merriemonarch.com
- **Plan Ahead:** Plan your travel route in advance and arrive early to avoid traffic congestion. Consider carpooling.
- **Secure Your Belongings:** Keep your valuables secure and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- **Stay Connected:** Make sure your phone is fully charged and you have emergency contacts programmed.



- **Follow Rules and Regulations:** Respect event organizers' rules and regulations, including various craft fair events throughout Hilo.
- **Avoid Conflict:** Keep interactions positive and respectful with other event attendees. Avoid confrontations or arguments that can escalate into violence.

NOISY DOG



✓ check list

- Step 1** - is there a problem?
 - Is the dog barking continuously for 10 minutes?
 - Or is the dog barking intermittently for 20 minutes within a 30 minute period?
- Step 2** - Make sure the dog is not just reacting to external stimulus such as a person walking by, or another animal that causes the dog to bark?
- Step 3** - Notified the dog owner by letter, email or in person?
 - Make sure to document attempts and be prepared to provide proof to officers upon request.
- Step 4** - Call the police using the non-emergency line (808) 935-3311

Barking is a dog's form of communication, and it's completely normal dog behavior. However, when a dog barks excessively, it becomes an annoyance and can be against the law.

What Constitutes A Noisy Dog?

Hawaii County Code [Section 4-24](#) defines a noisy dog as:

Without provocation:

- A dog barking continuously for 10 minutes or
- A dog barking intermittently for 20 minutes within a 30 minute period.

There are a few permitted exceptions to this including "any legitimate cause which teased or provoked the dog." This means if the dog is barking because of a nearby cat, a person walking by the house, or another stimulus of this nature, the barking is not considered a violation of the law as written.

What should I do to address this issue?

Hawaii County Code [section 4-25](#) requires any person disturbed by a noisy dog to make reasonable attempts to advise the owner or custodian of the dog of the problem.

Reasonable attempts include in person, by letter, or by e-mail.

In our experience, if this step is done with respect, often the owner will address the barking dog issue, and no further steps are necessary.

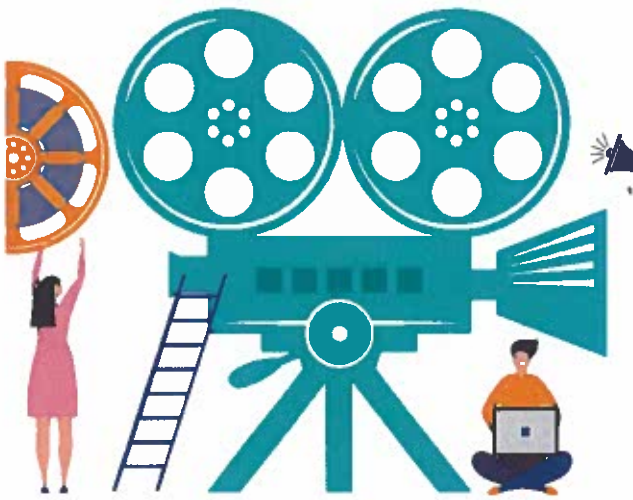
What if the dog continues to bark?

If the dog continues to bark despite your efforts, call the Hawaii Police Department Non-emergency phone at [\(808\) 935-3311](tel:8089353311), and an officer can meet with you. Be prepared to provide proof of your efforts to contact the owner.

EMPOWERING YOUTH, INSPIRING CHANGE

NĀ LEO
YOUTH
MEDIA
CHALLENGE

DEADLINE:
APRIL 19



Nā Leo plays a vital role in nurturing local talent for the emerging creative, media, and tech industries. To advance this, we are launching our inaugural Youth Media Challenge. This challenge aims to elevate Hawai'i Island youth voice and perspective, providing space for youth to exhibit and publicly showcase their work. Our hope is that this challenge leads to more youth-generated content across our channels and greater opportunities with our studios as well as community partners, opening the door for storytelling careers across industries.

For more information and challenge details, go to naleo.tv/youthmedia



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DRUG & ALCOHOL - FREE EVENT
SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH 2024

BILLY KENOI PĀHOA DISTRICT PARK GYM, 10AM - 4PM

**Free Plants, Prizes, Food, Live Music, Makahiki Games,
Vendors, Cultural Enrichment, Resource Booths & More!**



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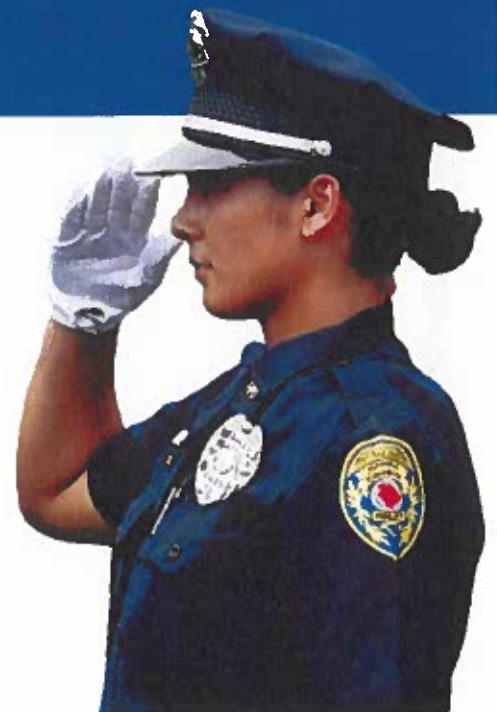
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WE ARE HIRING!



- Automobile allowance \$600/month
- Take home vehicle to use both on + off duty
- Standard of conduct differential \$624/month
- Firearm allowance \$1,000/year
- Vacation 21 days/year
- Sick leave 21 days/year
- Retirement pension + deferred comp
- Medical, Vision, Prescription Drug, & Dental Plans

STARTING SALARY:
\$68,940
FOLLOWING PROBATION:
\$71,652





FEBRUARY REPORTED CRIMES



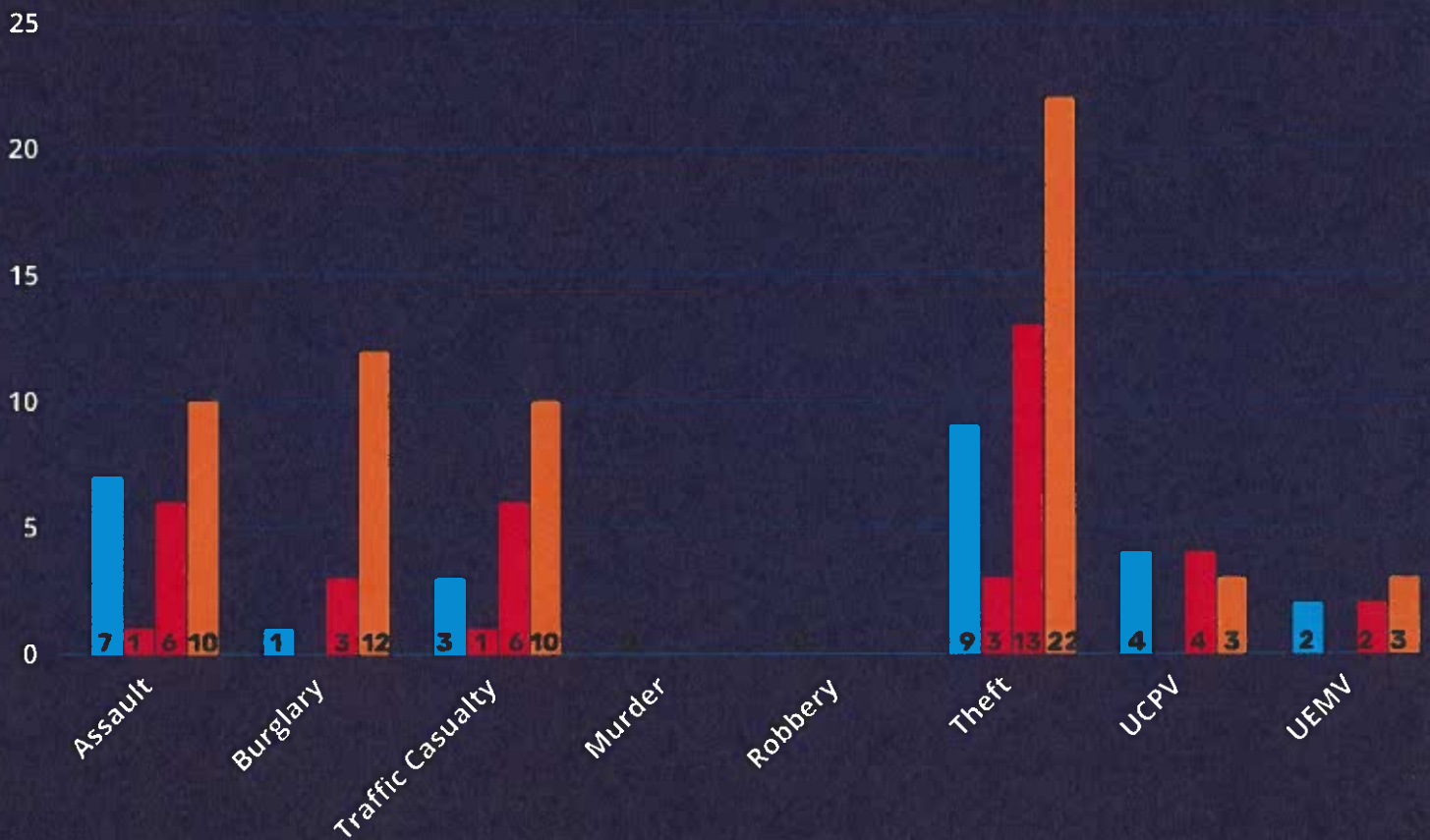
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MT.VIEW

KURTISTOWN

KEA'AU

PĀHOA



- **Assault:** When a person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to another or negligently with a dangerous instrument.

- **Burglary:** Intentionally & unlawfully entering & remaining in a building with intent to commit a crime against person or property.

- **CPD:** Criminal Property Damage; unlawful damaging of another's property; vandalism.

- **Robbery:** If in the course of committing theft or non-consensual taking of a motor vehicle the person uses force.

- **Theft:** When a person obtains or exerts control over property of another with intent to deprive the other of the property.

- **UCPV:** Unauthorized Control of Propelled vehicle; auto theft.

- **UEMV:** Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle; car break-in.

MARCH CRIME STATS

KURTISTOWN

Assault: 1
13 Mile Road

Major TC: 1
Highway 11

Theft: 3
Highway 11 x2
Huina Road

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Assault: 7
Ana road
Maleikai Street
Kolonelio Road
Opeapea Road
Kaniela Road
Mauna Loa Drive
N Ala Road

Burglary: 1
Komo Street

UCPV: 4
Uau Road
Wailele Street
Plumeria Place
Canney Road

Major TC: 3
Highway 11 x3

UEMV: 2
Uau Road
Io Kea Road

Theft: 9
Plumeria Street
Io Kea Road
Hilohilo Street
Ala Naulani Road
Paniolo Street
Volcano Road
Komo Street
Uau Road
Uhini Ana Road

MARCH CRIME STATS

KEAAU

Assault: 6

26TH Avenue
Keaau Elem. School
30th Avenue
Makuu x2
9th Avenue

Burglary: 3

3rd Avenue
Pohaku Drive
Silersword Court

Major TC: 6

Highway 11 x3
Highway 130 x3

UEMV: 2

Beach Raod
30th Avenue

UCPV: 4

Highway 130
3rd Avenue
28th Avenue
39th Avenue

Theft: 13

Highway 130
3rd Avenue
30th Avenue
40th Avenue
Railroad Avenue
Old Volcano Road x5
Kiawe Road
Makuu Drive
Beach Road

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

MARCH CRIME STATS

PAHOA

Assault: 10

Namohala Place

Waioleka Street

Pahoa Village Road

Leialoha Drive

Apaa Street

Oceanview Parkway

S Puni Mauka Loop

Post Office Road

Leisure Lane

Kapu Lane

Major TC: 10

Hwy 130 x2

Highway 132 x2

Kahakai Boulevard

Nanawale Boulevard

Government Beach Road

Nanawale Boulevard

Highway 137

Pahoa Village Road

Burglary: 12

Leialoha Drive

Ainaloa Drive

Aloha Drive

Government Beach Road

Pahoa Village Road x3

Hilo Street

N Puni Lani Loop

Kumu Street

Oceanview Parkway

Highway 130

UEMV: 3

Pahoa Village Road x2

Kamaili Road

UCPV: 3

Pahoa Village Road x2

Kaimu Chain of Craters Road

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

MARCH CRIME STATS

PAHOA

Theft: 22

- Kahakai Boulevard x4
- Nanawale Boulevard
- Pahoa Village Road x4
- Ginger Road
- N Puni Lani Loop
- Silveroak Drive
- Highway 132
- Maiko Street
- Ohiki Street
- N Puni Mauka Loop
- Highway 130
- Flower
- N Puni Makai Loop
- Post Office Road
- Kamaili Road
- Lehua Drive

WANTED

7'0"
6'8"
6'6"
6'4"
6'2"
6'0"
5'8"
5'6"
5'4"
5'2"
5'0"
4'8"
4'6"



Keanu KRAUSE



Isaac PAULINE



Benny GORDON



**Linita KAPELI-
SPENCER**



Patrick LINDSEY



Jessie GAMILO



**Chandsome KAWELO-
LEWI**



Cherish TORRES



Cole EVANS-TANIGAWA

Do not attempt to contact any wanted person as they may be armed and/or dangerous. If you have information regarding the whereabouts of any listed individual please call police.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



PARENTS

Please stop telling
your Keiki we will
take them to jail if
they are bad!

Your keiki need to
feel safe around us.

That way, they will
run to us in an
emergency, not
away from us.



Mahalo