

PUNA

NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2024

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

- King Kamehameha I |
June 11 Tuesday
- Juneteenth |
June 19 Wednesday
- Summer starts -
Northern Hemisphere
- Awareness Month:
 - Pride Month
 - PTSD
 - Men's Health
 - Gun Violence
 - Immigrant Heritage

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:

- Sign Waving Events
- Summer Safety Tips
- May Crime Stats
- Puna's Most Wanted



SIGN WAVING TO REMIND MOTORISTS

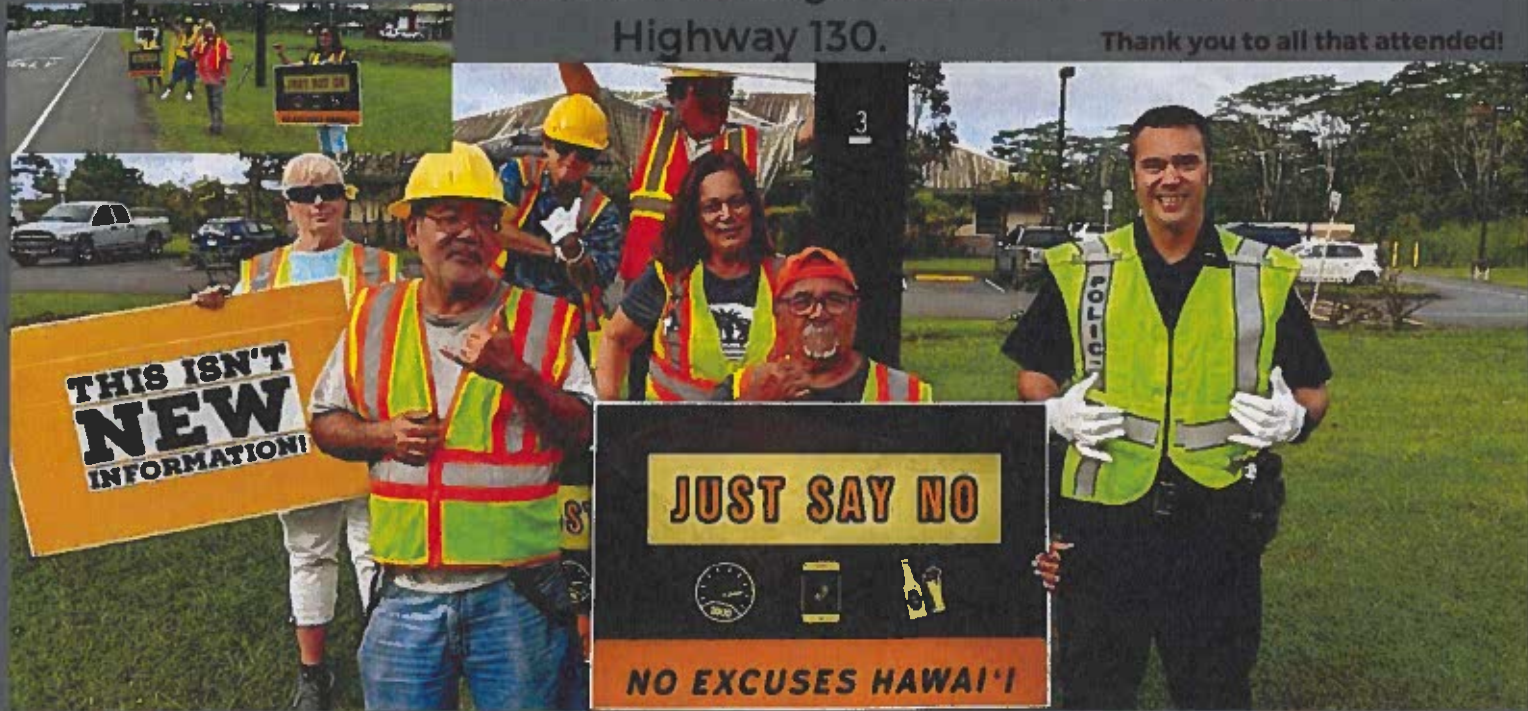
On **Saturday, May 25, 2024**, a sign waving event took place on Highway 11 near the Shipman Park to remind the motorists on Hawai'i roads to slow down and drive with Aloha.

Puna Community Police Officers along with Chief Benjamin Moszkowicz, Puna Neighborhood Watches, Mothers Against Drunk Driving "MADD", County Councilmember Matt Kaneali'i-Kleinfelder and his wife Dawn attended the event. HPD would like to send out a special thanks to all that participated, making it a very memorable and educational event.



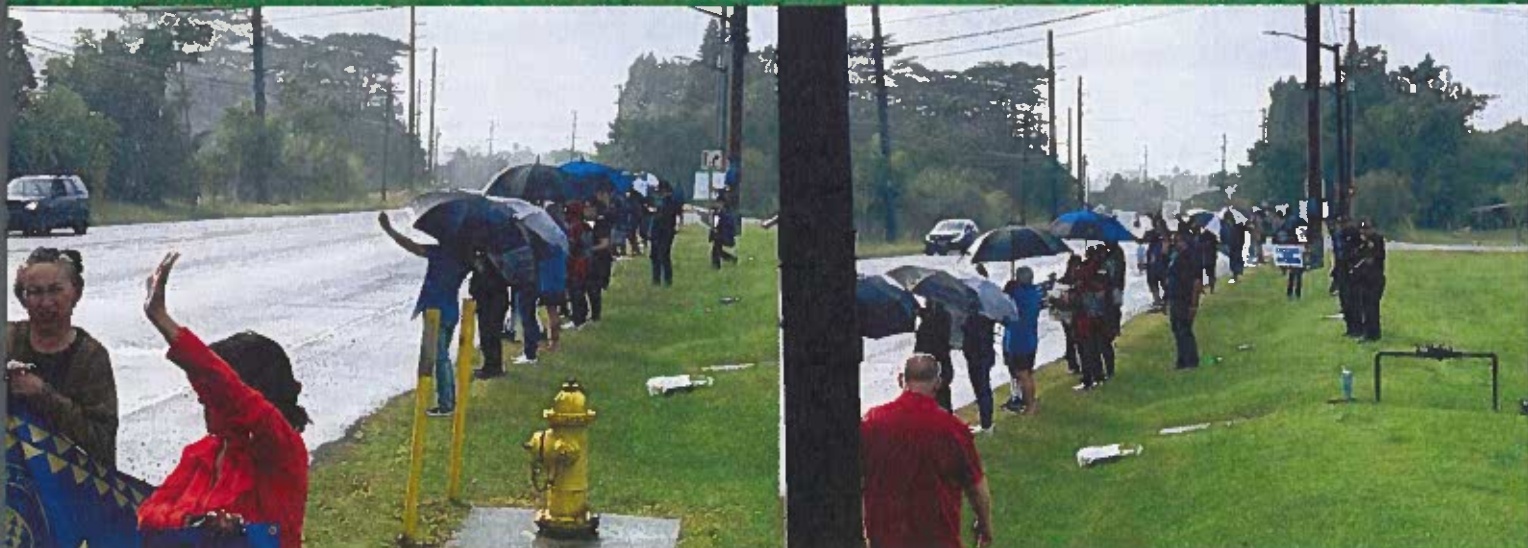
On Thursday, May 9th, 2024, a sign waving event was organized by Traffic Services Division fronting the Pahoa Police Station off Highway 130.

Thank you to all that attended!



On Thursday, May 16th, 2024, a sign waving event was organized from the Church of Sure Foundation during police week fronting the Pahoa Police Station off Highway 130.

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How To Keep Your Kids Safe This Summer

As temperatures increase, so does the need for safety precautions



Ready for fun in the sun? Be safe about it!



Summer is a great time for kids to get outside and enjoy the weather — but it's important for parents and guardians to remember safety tips throughout the season.

"We want children to run, play and enjoy themselves, but we also have to be mindful that certain environmental elements may be potentially dangerous to them," says pediatrician [Paula Sabella, MD](#).

1. Protect kids' skin

[Sunburn](#) is the scourge of summer, and kids are especially susceptible. It's important that you [lather your child with sunscreen](#) any time they're headed outdoors. The American Academy of Pediatrics [recommends](#) that children wear sunscreen with at least 15 to 50 SPF.

Remember to reapply sunscreen every two hours or after swimming, sweating or toweling off, and consider wearing [sun protection clothing](#) for an added barrier.

Sunscreen isn't recommended for babies under six months, who should always be kept out of direct sunlight. Keep your littlest ones protected from the sun by dressing them in lightweight clothing and [sun hats](#), and using umbrellas for shade.

— "Harmful ultraviolet rays are at their strongest from between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Minimizing outdoor play during these hours also minimizes the risk of sunburn to children," Dr. Sabella explains, "but even when they're in the shade, continue to use sunscreen!"

2. Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate

When it comes to warm weather, [hydration](#) is key — and not just when kids are playing sports or sitting in the sun. "Keep kids hydrated at all times, especially the day before a big activity or even the day before a play date," Dr. Sabella advises.

Steer clear of soda, energy drinks and [fruit juices](#), which may worsen dehydration. Water is [the best source of hydration](#) for kids who are over 1 year old, while breast milk and formula are the preferred fluids to hydrate kids under a year. To gauge whether your child is hydrated enough, take a peek at [the color of their urine](#). It should be a light yellow color, not golden or dark.

3. Maintain healthy eating habits

Sodas and ice cream trucks and cookouts, oh, my! Opportunities for junk food abound during the summer, but abiding by [healthy eating habits for kids](#) while they're out of school will ensure that your little ones learn healthy, consistent habits *and* get the vitamins and nutrients they need to fuel their summer fun.

4. Beware of hot cars

You probably think you could never, ever forget your child in the car on a hot day — but researchers estimate that half of all hot-car deaths involve a loving caregiver who forgets a sleeping child in the backseat of their car.

"We're all human," Dr. Sabella says, "and there are some things caregivers can do to help ensure that they don't forget their child in the car."

She recommends developing [daily habits that can prevent hot-car deaths](#)

- Never intentionally leave your child in the car for *any* reason.
- Be extra vigilant when you have a new or a different routine.
- Leave another important item, like a purse, cell phone or work badge, in the backseat of the car. This serves as a reminder to get your child out of the car when you retrieve this item.
- Make a plan with your babysitter or daycare providers to have them call you if your child is late for any reason.

There's no safe situation, temperature or length of time for a child to be left alone in a car.

5. Ride safely

As kids head outdoors to play with friends and ride bicycles around the neighborhood, make sure they're [practicing bike safety](#), including riding a properly fitted bike and wearing a [properly fitted bike helmet](#).

"Adults can be good role models for children by always wearing their own bike helmets and abiding by the same bike safety rules we're asking kids to follow," Dr. Sabella notes.

6. Practice water safety

The American Academy of Pediatrics reports that [drowning](#) is the leading cause of injury-related death in U.S. children ages 1 to 4 — so take to heart [pool safety tips for families](#), from drain covers and fenced enclosures to life vests, swimming lessons and CPR classes.

Toddlers should be no further than an arm's length away from their guardian when they're around a pool or any other body of water. Empty buckets, bathtubs, coolers and wading pools immediately after use.

"I also recommend that nonswimming children always wear life vests when in water," Dr. Sabella says. "And any time you're on a boat or watercraft, *everybody* should be wearing life vests — adults and kids alike, both swimmers and nonswimmers."

7. Ward off bugs and tend to bites

Your kids aren't the only ones playing outside! When the weather warms up, the creepy-crawlies come out en masse, and little ones are liable to fall victim to bites and bumps.

- **Use insect repellent.** Don't forget the [bug spray](#)! The Academy of Pediatrics recommends no more than 30% concentration of [DEET in insect repellents for children](#) over two months old.
- **Beware standing water.** "Try to avoid stagnant water in or outside of your home," Dr. Sabella says. "Ponds and turned-off fountains with stagnant water can serve as a breeding ground for [mosquitoes](#)."
- **Check for ticks.** May to October is tick season, so up your [tick removal](#) know-how and be on the lookout for these buggers burrowing in your kids' skin.
- **Know what to do.** If your child has a run-in with a bee, spider, mosquito or other painful pest, follow doctors' guidance for treating [bug bites and bee stings](#).

10. Don't overdo it on the outdoors

Kids of all ages should take breaks from playing outside by retreating into the shade — or, even better, into air-conditioning — every 20 minutes to 30 minutes.

"Kids need time to relax, cool off and hydrate before they return to play," Dr. Sabella says. "And once they're done playing for the day, continue to keep up that hydration."

Hot, humid weather also puts active kids at a higher risk for developing [heat rash](#), so take precautions to avoid it and make sure you know how to treat it in case it happens.

8. Safely enjoy fireworks

Children under 15 years old account for about a third of fireworks-related emergency department visits — most of which involve burn injuries to fingers, hands and eyes.

"Taking safety precautions will allow your family to enjoy summer fireworks worry-free," Dr. Sabella says.

Don't give sparklers or bottle rockets to children, and practice other [fireworks safety recommendations](#) for both children and adults.

9. Prevent playground mishaps

As they spend more time outdoors during the summer, kids may be more prone than ever to scrapes and bruises. Practice safe playground habits to prevent injuries.

- **Find the right playground.** "Choose one that's appropriate for your kids, with equipment that suits their age, size and abilities," Dr. Sabella says.
- **Do a touch test.** Kids can get [thermal burns](#) from playground equipment, so confirm that slides and swings aren't too hot before kids play.
- **Wear the right attire.** Opt for sturdy-soled sneakers over slippery flip flops, and avoid clothing with strings, such as hoodies, which can get caught in equipment.
- **Look for safe surfaces.** Some playgrounds offer rubber or mulch on which kids can safely run, play and even fall. These surfaces are more kid-friendly — and less accident-prone — than cement and asphalt.

To be on the safe side, keep a [first aid kit](#) handy and brush up on how to treat [common playground injuries](#), from splinters and friction burns to bumps and bruises.

Enjoy your summer!

By following common-sense safety precautions, you can set your child up for a safe and enjoyable summer — without necessarily hovering over their shoulder all season long.

"Be mindful of the sun, keep an eye on hydration, and keep pool safety and water safety in mind," Dr. Sabella encourages. "And most of all, have fun, love your children and enjoy the summer safely with your children."

To hear more from Dr. Sabella on this topic, listen to the Health Essentials Podcast episode, ["Tips To Keep Your Kids Safe This Summer."](#) New episodes of the Health Essentials Podcast publish every Wednesday.



MAY REPORTED CRIMES



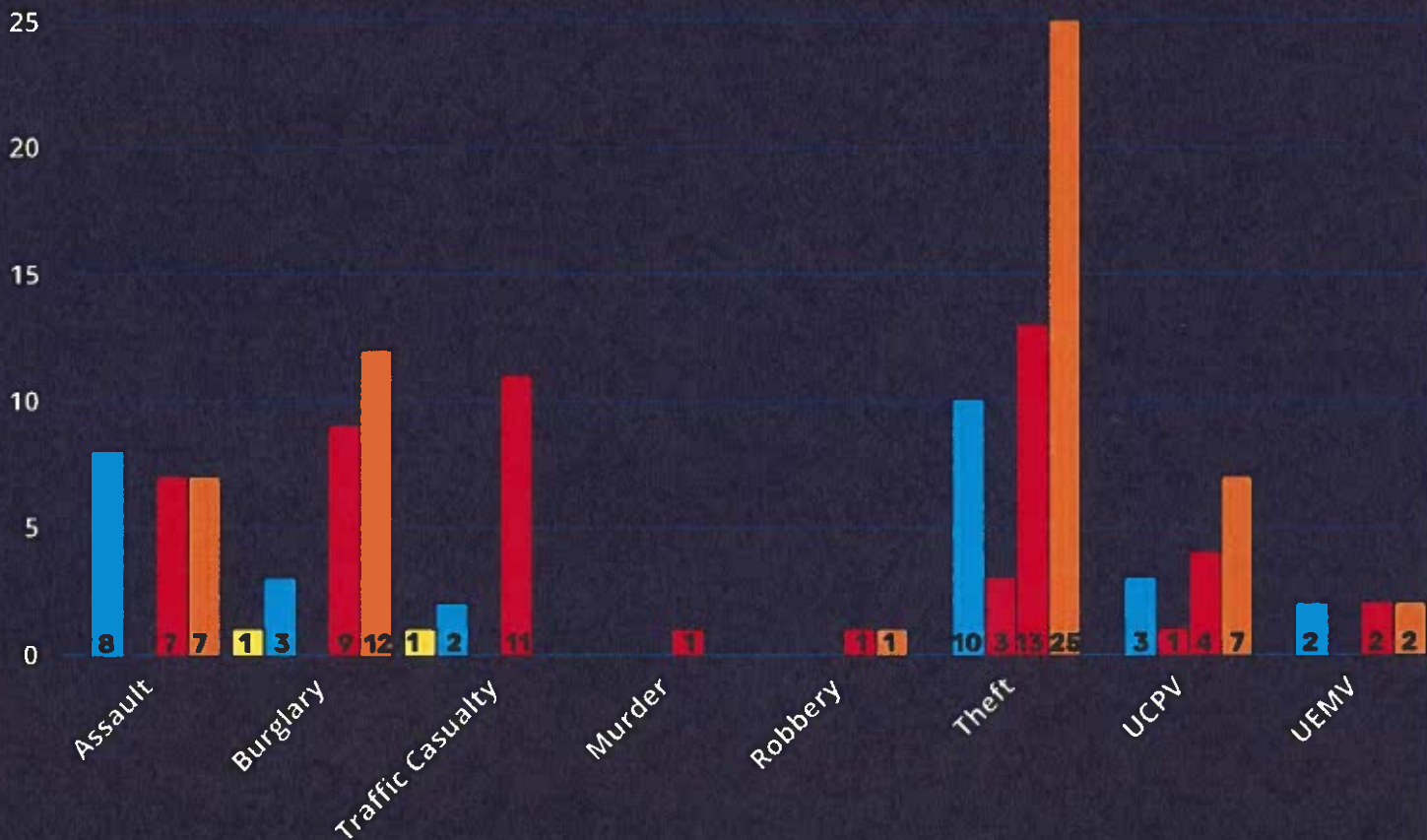
VOLCANO

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 person of their property.
- **UCPV:** Unauthorized Control of Propelled vehicle; auto theft.
- **UEMV:** Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle; car break-in.

MAY CRIME STATS

VOLCANO

Burglary: 1

Haunani Road

Major TC: 1

Volcano Road near Alii Anela St.

KURTISTOWN

UCPV: 1

Volcano Road; 7 Eleven Kurtistown

THEFT: 3

Kurtistown Park

7 Eleven Kurtistown (2x)

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Assault: 8

Uau Road; Between C & D

Mountain View Gym

Uluhemalu Road

Apele Road

Moho Road (3x)

Kaleponi Drive

Burglary: 3

Opeapea Road

Ao Road

Kauai Street

UCPV: 3

Orchid Place

Ueyama Camp Road

Painui Street; Road 11 Eden Rock

UEMV: 2

Uau Road, between Rd. C & Rd. D

Ao Road / Rd. 2

Major TC: 2

Ihope Road & N. Kulani Road

Volcano Road & Kuauli Road

Theft: 10

Mountain View Elementary School

Ala Loop

N. Glenwood Road (2x)

Uau Road

Waikiki Street

Kauai Street

N. Ala Road

Ale Road

Painui Street

MAY CRIME STATS

KEAAU

Assault: 7

Keaau Middle School
Keaau High School (3x)
Makuu Dr. & 19th Ave.
Makuu Dr. & 17th Ave. Long House (2x)

Burglary: 9

Beach Road (2x)
Lemiwai Road
23rd Ave.
21st Ave.
30th Ave.
19th Ave.
37th Ave.
13th Ave.

Major TC: 11

Volcano Rd. & Akaakai St.
Volcano Rd. & Kipimana St.
Volcano Rd. & Keaau Bypass Rd.
Old Volcano Rd. & Pili Mua St.
Volcano Rd. & Macadamia Rd.
Keaau Pahoa Rd. / 3 Mile Marker
Keaau Pahoa Rd. & Opukahaia ST.
Kaloli Dr. & 28th Ave.
Orchidland Dr. Orchidland Minit Stop
Orchidland Dr. & 38th Ave.
Keaau Pahoa Rd. & Paradise Dr.

UCPV: 4

23rd Avenue
Kaloli Drive
Lemiwai Road
7th Avenue

UEMV: 2

1st Avenue
Makuu Drive & 19th Avenue

Theft: 13

Old Volcano Road, 7 Eleven Keaau
Hale Pule Loop
Mikahala Place
Lemiwai Road
Melekule Street
Kalara Street, Puna Island Wide Rentals
Mikahala Street, Essential Striping
1st Avenue
Railroad Ave
37th Avenue
Beach Road
Old Volcano Road
27th Avenue

Robbery: 1

Makuu Dr. & 19th Ave.

MURDER: 1

15th Avenue

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

MAY CRIME STATS

PAHOA

Assault: 7

Pahoa Kalapana Road
Kaehukai Street
Forrest Road
South Road
Honolulu Landing
Pahoa Village Road, Lava Shack
Post Office Road, Haas School

UCPV: 7

Flower Rd. & Ginger Rd.
7 Eleven Pahoa
E. Puni Lani Street
Ina Street
Pahoa Kapoho Rd.; PGV
Government Beach Road
Keaau Pahoa Road; Sanford Service Center

Burglary: 12

Treefern Drive
Leilani Drive
Popaa Street
Kawakawa Street
Honu Street
Lido Lane
Paradise Road
Pakalana Road
Pohoiki Road
Pahoa High & Inter. School
Malama Street
Kalapana Kapoho Road

UEMV: 2

Pohoiki Road
Pahoa Village Road; Pahoa Family Health
Clinic

MAJOR TC: 11

Kalapana Kapoho Beach Rd. & Kookoolau
Pl.
Kalapana Kapoho Beach Rd. & Maoheohe
Pl.
Pahoa Village Road; Pahoa Comm Ctr.
Uilani Drive
Kehau Road
Punawai Ave.
Post Office Road; Haas School
Honolulu Landing
Paio St. & Government Beach Rd.
Highway 130 / 20-mile marker
Nanawale Blvd. & Maluhia Road

ROBBERY: 1

Ahia Road

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

MAY CRIME STATS

PAHOA

Theft: 25

Kumakahi Street (2x)

Ainaloa Blvd.

Pohoiki Road, Isaac Hale Beach Park

Puna Road, Facility Shelter

Keaau Pahoa Road, via Internet (2x)

East Puni Lani Street

Pahoa Village Road, Pahoa High School

Kala Street

Pahoa Kapoho Rd. & Government Beach Rd.

Government Beach Road

Aweoweo Street

Pahoa Village Road, Puna Kai Center (3x)

Malama Street (2x)

Pahoa Village Road, Post Office Pahoa

Kehena Beach Estates

Pahoa Village Road, Hiiaka Art Studio

S. Puni Makai Loop

Kalapana Kapoho Rd. & Pohoiki Rd.

Old Kalapana Road

Kahakai Blvd. Longs Drugs Pahoa

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6'6"

6'4"

6'2"

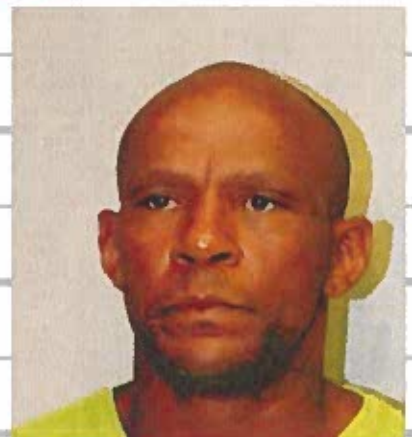
WANTED



Keanu **KRAUSE**



Isaac **PAULINE**



Benny **GORDON**

6'0"

5'8"

5'6"



Joshua **SORCE**



James **LAA**



Jessie **GAMILO**

5'4"

5'2"

5'0"

4'8"



Chandsome **KAWELO-LEWI**



Alexander **LUCAS**



Jason **MITCHELL**

4'6"

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.