

# PUNA NEWSLETTER



JULY 2024

## JULY HIGHLIGHTS

- 4th of July
- Crime Stoppers
- How use 911
- Crime stats
- Puna's Most Wanted
- Awareness Month:  
-National grilling month

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.

**July is National Grilling Month, a time to embrace the joys of outdoor cooking and savor the flavors of summer. Whether you're a seasoned grill master or just enjoy the casual cookout, it's a perfect opportunity to gather with friends and family, share recipes, and make lasting memories.**

## In this newsletter you will find:

- Fireworks laws
- Crime Stopper Tips
- 911 Tips
- July Crime Stats
- Puna's Most Wanted



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# 4TH OF JULY

## FIREWORKS LAWS

Celebrate Independence Day Responsibly



### 4th of July done right

Community Police Officers remind the public about the rules governing the use of fireworks so they may enjoy a safe 4th of July.

Hawai'i state law prohibits purchasing, possessing, storing, setting off, igniting, or discharging aerial devices, displaying fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic without a permit. Violators could face Class C felony charges that carry up to a five-year term of imprisonment if convicted.

Please remember that anyone igniting aerial pyrotechnic displays risk not only their lives but also the lives of loved ones nearby and potentially neighbors as well.

Fireworks are permitted this July 4th from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ONLY! Residents who want to set off firecrackers must pay a permit fee of \$25, available from the Hawai'i Fire Department, which allows an adult to purchase 5,000 individual firecrackers.

It's illegal to set off fireworks:

- At any time outside the specified period on the 4th of July.
- In any school building or on any school grounds without authorization from school officials.
- Within 1,000 feet of any hospital, convalescent home, care homes for the elderly, church where services are held, zoos, animal hospitals, or animal shelters.

The Hawai'i Police Department reminds the public that it's also illegal to:

- Extract the explosive or pyrotechnic contents from any fireworks.
- Throw ignited fireworks at, into, or from a moving vehicle.

Have anyone under 18 purchase, possess or ignite any fireworks unless they are under the immediate supervision and control of their parents or an authorized adult.

#### **PERMITTED FIREWORKS**

- Cylindrical fountains
- Cone fountains
- Wheels
- Dipped sticks
- Illuminating torches & colored fire
- Sparklers
- Salutes

#### **PROHIBITED FIREWORKS**

- Jumping jacks
- Flying pigs
- Rockets
- Helicopters
- Satellites
- Roman candles
- Mines
- Shells
- Aerial luminary devices, (aka sky lanterns)

# CRIME STOPPERS

## What is Crime stoppers?

Crime Stoppers is a toll-free phone number you can call to report crimes anonymously. It is designed to encourage the community to assist HPD in the fight against crime by overcoming the fear of reprisal and inherent friction within the system that hampers community involvement. While we encourage community members to call and serve as witnesses, we recognize this is not always an option for everyone. Crime Stoppers is intended to fill this gap.

## How does it work?

When you call Crime Stoppers, you speak to a community volunteer, not a Police Officer, a dispatcher, or anyone employed by the Police Department. Here are some other things you may like to know.

- Crime Stoppers will NEVER ask you for your name, phone number, address, or any other information that could identify you.
- Crime Stoppers does not record phone calls or have caller ID.
- No one will know you called us unless you tell them.
- Once you give Crime Stoppers your report, you will be issued a PIN. This PIN code can later be used to check a tip's status or follow up on a possible reward. This PIN code is the only way Crime Stoppers can identify you.



You may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000

- Crime Stoppers cannot and will not call you back with the status of a tip because they will never collect or know your phone number.
- When a tip gets sent to Police, they will not know who provided it.
- In some cases, Crime Stoppers may pay out a cash reward of up to \$1,000.
- The only requirement is you must report the tip directly to the Crime Stoppers Tip Line.

## Crime Stoppers on Nā Leo TV

Episodes of the Crime Stoppers TV Program are available on-demand from Nā Leo TV.

[Crime Stoppers on Nā Leo TV](#)





# TIPS WHEN CALLING 911

## WHEN CALLING 911

- STAY CALM
- KNOW YOUR LOCATION
- LET THE CALL-TAKER GUIDE THE CONVERSATION
- FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS
- KEEP BEING A GOOD WITNESS
- DO NOT HANG UP THE CALL

## WHAT IS 911

911 is a free emergency phone number used to request immediate assistance from emergency services. This includes Police, Fire, and medical services.

## FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY!

An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from law enforcement, firefighters, or an ambulance. If you are ever in doubt about whether a situation is an emergency, you should call 911. It is better to be safe and let the 911 dispatcher determine if you require emergency assistance. Otherwise, you can reach the police on our non-emergency line at (808) 935-3311 to make reports, seek advice, or request other police services.

## What to expect

Calling 911 is a highly stressful experience that many find overwhelming. You may be dealing with trauma, extreme emotions, loud noises, or even a dangerous situation and our dispatchers know this. They will strive to keep you focused and organized to move things along. This way, they can get the proper emergency service to you as fast as possible, but they need your help.

You will need to know where you are calling from. This is one of the first things you will be asked. Take a moment to figure this out before placing the call. While on the line with the call taker, they will guide the conversation, wait for them to ask questions, and answer them clearly and calmly. The call taker is trained to ask the right questions in the proper order so they can get emergency services to you right away. Stay calm, and remain on the line until emergency services arrive, do not hang up. The call taker will guide you through the emergency until then.

If you follow these tips, you will get a faster response time which can be the difference between life and death.

## What if i accidentally call 911

If you happen to call by accident, stay on the line until you can tell the call taker that you called by accident and there is no emergency. This saves the call taker from having to call you back and confirm there is no emergency or possibly diverting police to check your address for an emergency.





# JUNE REPORTED CRIMES



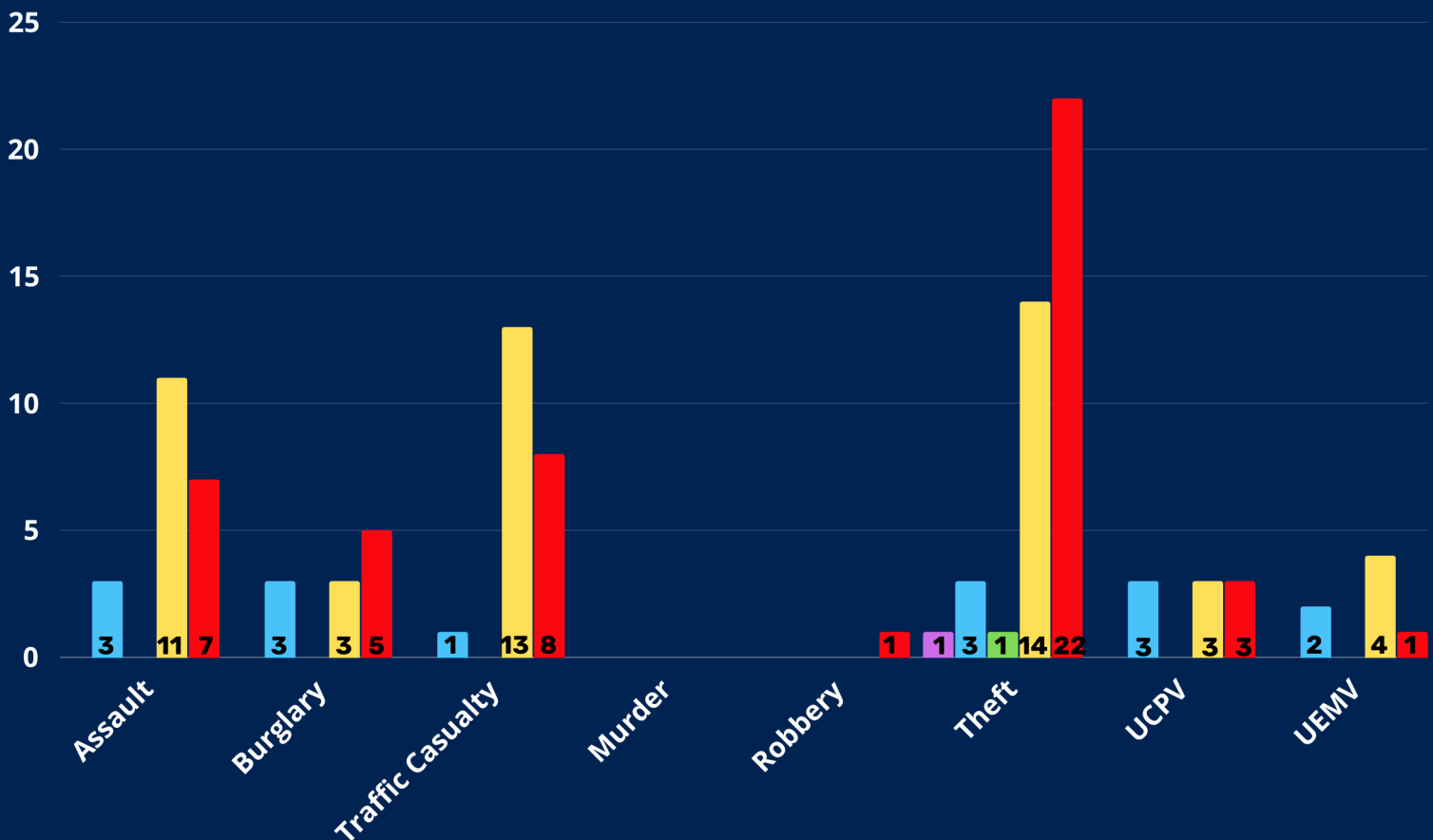
VOLCANO

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.

# JUNE CRIME STATS

## VOLCANO

### Theft: 1

Old Volcano Road

## KURTISTOWN

### Theft: 1

Huina Road

## MOUNTAIN VIEW

### Assault: 3

Mailenani Road

Uau Road

Io Kea Road

### Major TC: 1

Volcano Road & Oshiro Road

### Burglary: 3

Hopue Road

Heno Street

Io Kea Road, Between Rd D & Rd E

### Theft: 3

South Oshiro Road

Kini Road

North Ala Road

### UCPV: 3

Holana Street

Kini Road

Pikake Street

### UEMV: 2

Uhini Ana Road

Heno Street

# JUNE CRIME STATS

## KEAAU

### Assault: 11

13th Avenue  
37th Avenue  
21st Avenue  
27th Avenue (2x)  
11th Avenue & Paradise Drive  
38th Avenue  
Brookover Street  
Uilani Drive  
Old Volcano Rd. Keaau Shell Food Mart  
Ipuiwaha Street

### Burglary: 3

13th Avenue  
Keaau Pahoa Rd. Keaau Transfer Station  
Melekahiwa Street, Storage Star

### Major TC: 13

Volcano Road & Keaau Pahoa Road (2x)  
Volcano Road & Puko Street  
Milo Street & Keaau Bypass Road  
Orchidland Drive & Keaau Pahoa Road  
Orchidland Drive  
Brookover Street & Paradise Court  
Laniuma Street  
Pohaku Drive & Keaau Pahoa Road  
Kaloli Drive & 29th Avenue  
Kaloli Drive & 28th Avenue  
Keaau Pahoa Road & Ilima Street  
25th Avenue

### UCPV: 3

12th Avenue  
21st Avenue  
29th Avenue

### UEMV: 4

Brookover Street  
4th Avenue (2x)  
Beach Road

### Theft: 14

Old Volcano Rd. Ace Hardware Keaau  
Keaau Pahoa Rd. Longs Drugs Keaau (2x)  
Old Volcano Rd. 7-Eleven Keaau  
Keaau Transfer Station  
40th Avenue  
Tiki Road  
Makuu Drive  
23rd Avenue  
Brookover Street (2x)  
8th Avenue (2x)  
13th Avenue



# JUNE CRIME STATS

## PAHOA

### Assault: 7

Pahoa Village Road (2x)  
Nohea Street  
Hwy 130, Hawaiian Sanctuary, 12mm  
Coral Drive  
Hoopili Street  
Nanawale Blvd. & Donnybrook Ln

### Theft: 22

Keaau Pahoa Rd. & Post Office Rd.  
Pahoa Village Road (3x)  
Pahoa Village Rd. Malama Mrkt.  
Pahoa Village Rd. Puna Kai Ctr.  
Kahakai Boulevard  
Kahukai Street  
Maile Street  
Moano Street  
Manini Street  
Nanawale  
Laa Loke Street  
Hwy 130, Hawaiian Sanctuary,  
12mm  
Keaau Pahoa Rd. Longs Drugs Pahoa  
(2x)  
Sword Drive  
Aloha Drive  
Treefern Drive  
Lai Street  
Government Beach Road  
Pahoa Kapoho Road, 5mm

### UCPV: 3

Keaau Pahoa Road & Post Office Road  
Kahakai Boulevard  
Uiui Street

### ROBBERY: 1

Hoopili Street

### Burglary: 5

Pahoa Village Road; Post Office  
Moano Street  
North Puni Mauka Loop  
Emerald Drive  
Tangerine Drive

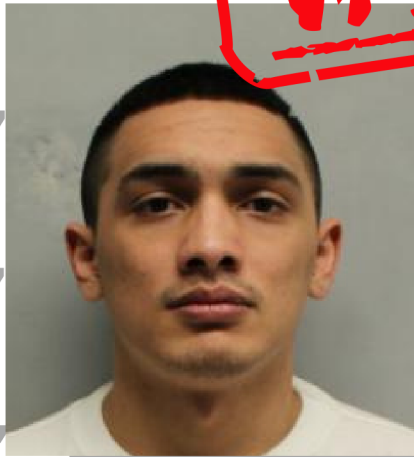
### UEMV: 1

Forrest Road

### MAJOR TC: 8

Kahakai Boulevard (3x)  
Kahakai Boulevard & South Puni Mauka  
Loop  
Leilani Avenue & Maile Street  
Rainbow Drive  
Highway 130, Mile Marker 8  
Pahoa Kalapana Road & Oi Road

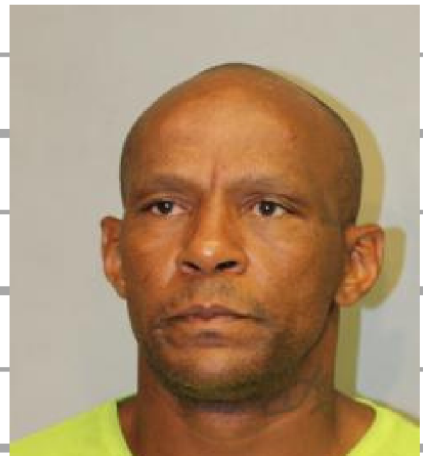
**WANTED**



Keanu **KRAUSE**



Albert **ARAUJO**



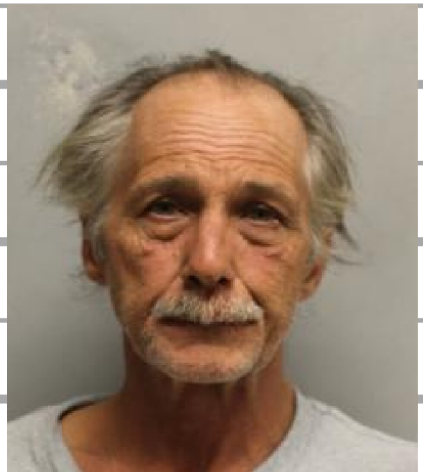
Benny **GORDON**



Sara **HOKE-WELLE**



James **LAA**



Eric **CHURCH**



Chandsome **KAWELO-LEWI**



Alexander **LUCAS**



Sabrina **JAEGER**

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.