



PUNA NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

- Back to school safety tips
- Nixle alerts
- Uncovered loads
- Police recruitments
- Crime stats
- Puna's Most Wanted

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.



BACK TO SCHOOL

With island keiki heading back to school soon, the Hawai'i Police Department is encouraging motorists to drive safely when approaching school zones. We know that these areas have a high number of young pedestrians that interact with vehicle traffic. Hawai'i Island police encourage all pedestrians to use the crosswalks and follow the directions of the school crossing guards at schools. Adults can be great examples for children when they cross the roadways in a safe manner.

Here are traffic safety tips to keep in mind as children go back to school.

For Drivers:

- **Slow down.** Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.
- **When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.**
- **Be alert.** Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- **Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.**
- **Obey the school bus "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions:**
- **Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.**
- **Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.**

When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely.

Riding The School Bus:

School buses are the safest way for children to travel to and from school. However, there are dangers when children are boarding and leaving the bus. Over the last decade, nearly two-thirds of school-age pedestrians fatally injured in school transportation-related crashes were struck by school buses or other vehicles when getting on or off a school bus. Teach your child always to play it SAFE:

- **Stay five steps away from the curb.**
- **Always wait for the bus driver to tell you when to board.**
- **Face forward after finding a seat on the bus.**
- **Exit the bus when it stops, look left-right-left, and take five steps away from the bus toward the curb.**

Driving Your Kids to School:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has said when driving to school make sure there's a safe driver behind the wheel. Every ride begins with everyone wearing seat belts, using booster seats, or being properly secured in an appropriate car seat. Every child should ride in the back seat; children in the front seat are 40 percent more likely to be injured in crashes.

Discuss safety tips with children, model road safety behaviors, including always buckling up in the car, and following all the rules of the road every time you drive, ride or walk.

We all have a role to play in keeping our students safe. Let's work together and drive with aloha, slow down when approaching school zones, pay close attention to crosswalks and help the school crossing guards to help children get to school safely.



STAY INFORMED



**EMERGENCY
NOTIFICATIONS**



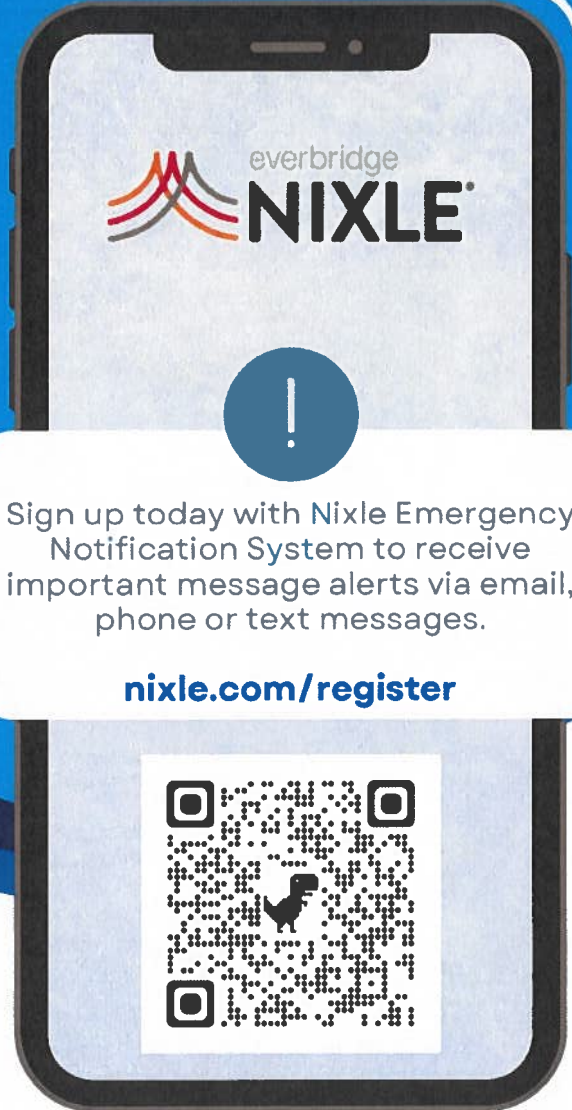
**TRAFFIC UPDATES &
ROAD CLOSURES**



**SEVERE WEATHER
ALERTS**

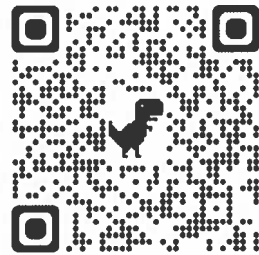


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MEDIA RELEASE



PENALTIES:

Penalties: (§291C-131) for first-time violators of the law, can expect a fine of \$250 to \$500. A second violation, if cited within a year after the first, delivers a fine of between \$500 and \$750, plus suspension of the vehicle registration and/or license of the driver for at least five working days.

UNCOVERED TRUCK LOADS AND THE PENALTIES

The Hawai'i Police Department is reminding the public that while transporting cargo on any highway, your load must be covered. Most of the litter on or near our roadways is not intentionally thrown but, rather, blown out of open-bed pickup trucks causing a road hazard or a traffic accident. Anytime you travel with a loaded truck bed, trailer, or roof rack make sure to properly secure your load by:

1. Tying down the load with rope or straps.
2. Tying large objects directly to the vehicle or trailer.
3. Covering the entire load with a sturdy tarp (which is then tied down) or netting.

After tying down a load double check to make sure that nothing can slide, fall, or shift out of your vehicle. Check your car manual to make sure you aren't overloading your vehicle.



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





JULY REPORTED CRIMES



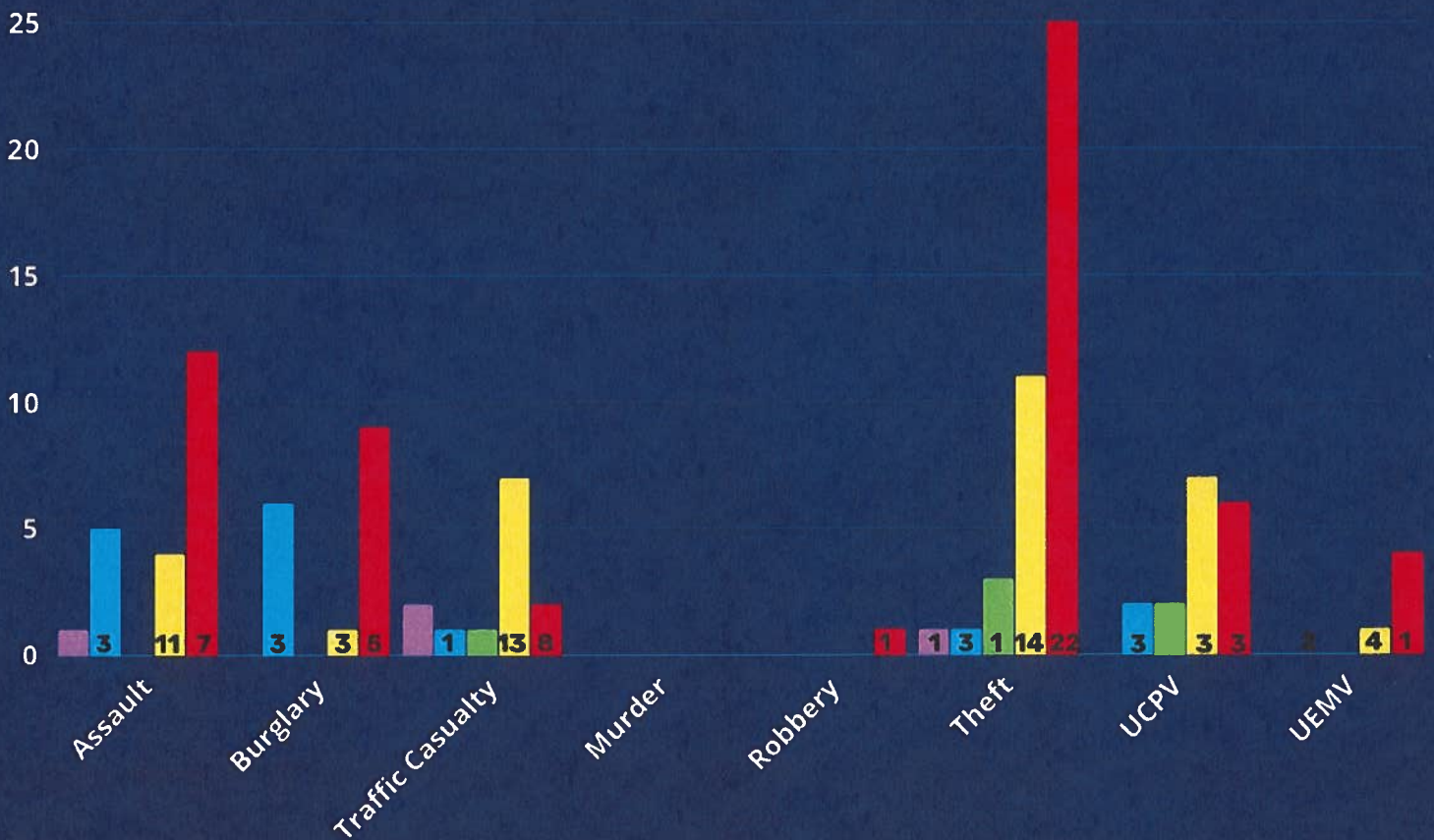
VOLCANO

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.

JULY CRIME STATS

VOLCANO

Assault-1

Liona Street

Major TC-2

Highway 11/Pearl Avenue
Highway 11/Wright Road

Theft-1

Anuheha Street

KURTISTOWN

Major TC-1

Highway 11/Hale Pule Loop

Theft-3

Volcano Road
Huina Road x2

UCPV-2

Volcano Highway
Koloa Maoli Road

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Assault-5

Moho Road x2
Uhini Ana Road
Opeapea Road
Ahuahu Place

Burglary-6

Lehua Street
Waikiki Street
Uluhemalu Road
Hibiscus Street
Kaawale Blvd
Ihope Road

Theft-5

Haumalu Street
Punahale Avenue
Volcano Road
Uluhemalu Road
Pikake Street

UCPV-2

Uhini Ana Road
Palainui Avenue

JULY CRIME STATS

KEAAU

Assault-4

Mikahala Place
34TH Avenue
13Th Avenue
Kaloli Drive

Burglary-1

5TH Avenue

Major TC-7

Old Volcano Road x2
Makuu Drive/14TH Avenue
Highway 130/Makuu Drive
Highway 11/Old Volcano Road
Highway 130/Shower Drive
Kaloli Drive/30TH Avenue

Theft-11

Old Volcano Road
Aloha Court
Paradise Ala Kai Drive
Beach Road x2
12TH Avenue
35TH Avenue
Ilima Street
5TH Avenue
24TH Avenue
30TH Avenue

UCPV-7

Hilonani Drive
Pohaku Drive
Keaau Pahoa Road
Aullii Street
13TH Avenue
37TH Avenue
Aloha Court

UEMV-1

30TH Avenue

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

JULY CRIME STATS

PAHOA

Assault-12

Forest Road
Pahoa Village Road x2
Cholet Circle
Bamboo Drive x2
Kahakai Blvd
Alamihi Street
East Puni Lapa Street
Government Beach Road x2
Pahoa-Kapoho Road
Kamanu Street x2

Burglary-9

Puna Street
Ginger Road
Ocean View Parkway
Kahakai Blvd
Malolo Street
Heepali Street
Moano Street
Maiko Street
Kumu Street

Major TC-2

Highway 130/9MM
Pahoa Village Road/Kaohe Homestead Rd.

UEMV-4

Government Beach Road
Kalapana-Kapoho Road
Kula Street
Puakenikeni Place

Theft-25

Kahakai Blvd x6
South Puni Mauka Loop
Pahoa-Kalapana Road
Pahoa Village Road x4
Keaau Pahoa Road x2
Ocean View Parkway
Cholet Circle
Pahoa-Kapoho Road
Puakenikeni Place
Papai Street
Church Road
Emerald Drive
Flower Road
Koaekoa Street
Kumu Street
Lido Lane

UCPV-6

Hilonani Drive
Emerald Drive
Apa Street
Forest Road
Driftwood Lane
Kona Road

WANTED

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6'6"

6'4"

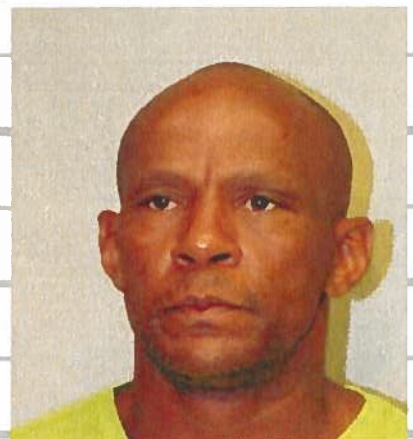
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Keanu KRAUSE



Malani TAVUI



Benny GORDON

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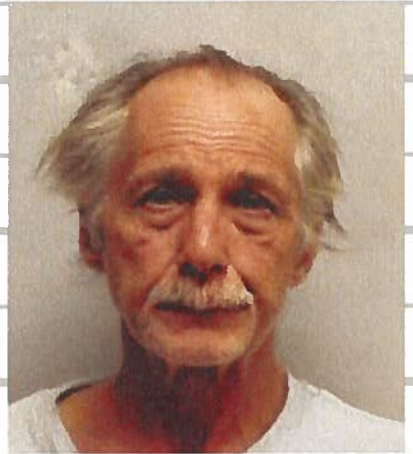
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Dillon REVILLA



James LAA



Eric CHURCH

5'4"

5'2"

5'0"

4'8"



Bronson AMARAL



Alexander LUCAS



Sabrina JAEGER

4'6"

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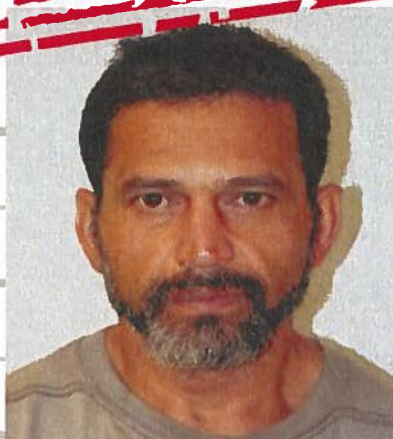
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Christopher LUCRISIA



Lawrence CASTRO



Kehaulani PAU

6'0"

5'8"

5'6"



Christen LEE



Albert MAHI



Christopher ASAGRA

5'4"

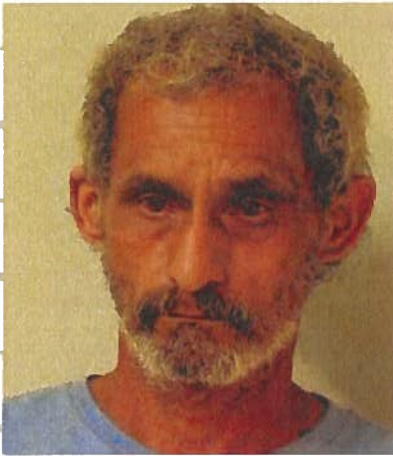
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Gordon SCHEIN



Joseph ABILEY



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