



DECEMBER

PUNA NEWSLETTER

Hawai'i County Police Department

*Merry
Christmas*
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR



ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is written by your Community Policing team (Officers Cardines, Miyose, Sato and Scanlan). It is intended for public consumption & is our way of sharing information, educating on crime trends, & spotlighting community events within the Puna District. Please pass it along to anyone who may have an interest in this. Also, if you would like to see something added to our newsletter, let us know, & we may incorporate it next time.

Highlights

- SAFETY TIPS
- NEW HAWAI'I POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE
- NA LEO TV YOUTH MEDIA CHALLENGE 2025
- MERRY CHRISTMAS
- FIREWORKS LAWS
- CRIME STATS
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Child Passenger **SAFETY RESTRAINT**



What you need to know about the new law

The Hawai'i Police Department reminds the public of changes to the Child Passenger Safety Restraint Laws [HRS§291-11.5](#) as amended.

As of June 27, 2022, Senate [Bill 152](#) updating Child Passenger Safety Seat laws has gone into effect. This amended law is intended to protect our Keiki while on the road. We ask the public to spread the word and to follow this law to better protect our Keiki.

The law now requires children of certain ages to be secured in rear-facing car seats (previously, there was no requirement for children to be secured in rear-facing car seats.)

Children under age 10 (previously age 8) are now required to ride in a booster seat. The only exception is children 4'9" or taller are authorized to use a factory seatbelt.

In addition to these new regulations, lawmakers have raised the fines for violating this law with a maximum of an \$800 fine for repeat offenders.

For additional information visit the [Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition](#) website.

OVERVIEW

Child under 2 years old

- Must be properly restrained in a rear-facing car seat with harness.

Child age 2-4 year old

- Must be properly restrained in a rear-facing or forward-facing car seat with harness.

Children 4-10 years old

- Must ride in a booster seat unless they have reached the height of 4'9"
- Must be properly restrained regardless of how many seat belt assemblies are in the vehicle.

Penalties

- Violators may pay up to \$800 in fines and will be required by the court to attend a child passenger safety class approved by the Hawaii State Judiciary.

Police Launch Redesigned Website

November 12, 2024 | Media Releases

The Hawai'i Police Department is pleased to announce that on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, it launched its newly redesigned website at www.hawaiipolice.gov.

A year in the making, this is the first time the website has been updated since 2011. Members of the public will find a lot of new info, community resources, and other useful information. The website is mobile-responsive, meaning it is easy to use whether you are on your smartphone, tablet, or laptop.

"We are extremely excited to launch this new website and provide an easy use and helpful resource to community members," said Police Chief

Benjamin Moszkowicz.

The new website features sections on:

An events page of police outreach efforts.

FAQ page featuring frequently asked questions.

History of Hawai'i Police Department.

K9s of Hawai'i Police Department.

HPD's Police Memorial Wall and bios of our fallen officers.

People can also easily find out how to obtain a police report, background check, request an active shooter presentation or station tour, as well as how to request a special duty officer.

Those seeking a career in law enforcement, will find detailed information on civilian and sworn positions, as well as current positions available in the department.

The new website also provides a wealth of safety tips for keiki, business owners, and kupuna. Teens and families can find info and resources on how to combat cyberbullying and sextortion, as well as scam prevention tips for the elderly.

One of the most exciting new features on the updated website is a Crime Map, provided by City Protect. At any time, members of the public can use the map to see what crimes have occurred in their neighborhood during a time frame of their choosing.

Please note that the department's old website domain, hawaiipolice.com, will go down for maintenance once the new website goes live and will come back online a few days later as an archived media release site featuring the department's media releases dating back to when the website first launched in March 1999.

We encourage you to spend a few minutes to take a look at the many new features offered on www.hawaiipolice.gov.

NĀ LEO TV YOUTH MEDIA CHALLENGE 2025

About the Challenge

The Nā Leo TV Youth Media Challenge is a creative media competition designed to empower Hawai'i Island youth to share their voices and perspectives through short films, public service announcements (PSAs), and digital artwork.

The goal is to introduce youth to the world of media, encourage storytelling, and provide a platform for them to share stories that matter to their communities.

Your Ideas and Voices Matter!

Youth in Media

Nā Leo TV believes community media plays a vital role in giving island youth the tools and platforms to share their narratives.

The challenge:

Connects youth with opportunities to produce media Builds skills in creation, teamwork, and self-expression Highlights important issues from a youth's perspective

Age Divisions

The Youth Media Challenge is open to all Hawai'i Island youth, ages 11 to 24.

Junior Visionaries

Ages 11-13

Teen Trailblazers

Ages 13-18

Emerging Creators

Ages 18-24

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Good Luck Hawai'i Island Youth Creators!

Challenge Website
naleo.tv/youthmedia



Merry Christmas

MELE KALIKIMAKA
E HAU'OLI
MAKAHIKI HOU!



**Aloha Everyone,
We just wanted to extend our
Christmas greetings to you. As we
gather as family & friends, let's take
a moment & enjoy one another's
company. We also want to wish
everyone a safe holiday season as we
bring this year to a close. 2024 was a
good year & we cannot thank our
Puna Community enough for all your
support. We look forward to an
awesome 2025! Once again, Mahalo
and Aloha!**



• Merry Christmas •



NEW YEAR'S FIREWORKS LAWS

Celebrate the New Year Responsibly



With the new year quickly approaching, your Community Police Officers want to remind the public about the rules governing the use of fireworks so they may enjoy a safe New Year.

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 from 9:00 p.m. Dec. 31st to 1:00 a.m. Jan. 1st 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 New Years eve/day.
- 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

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

PROHIBITED FIREWORKS

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



NOVEMBER REPORTED CRIMES



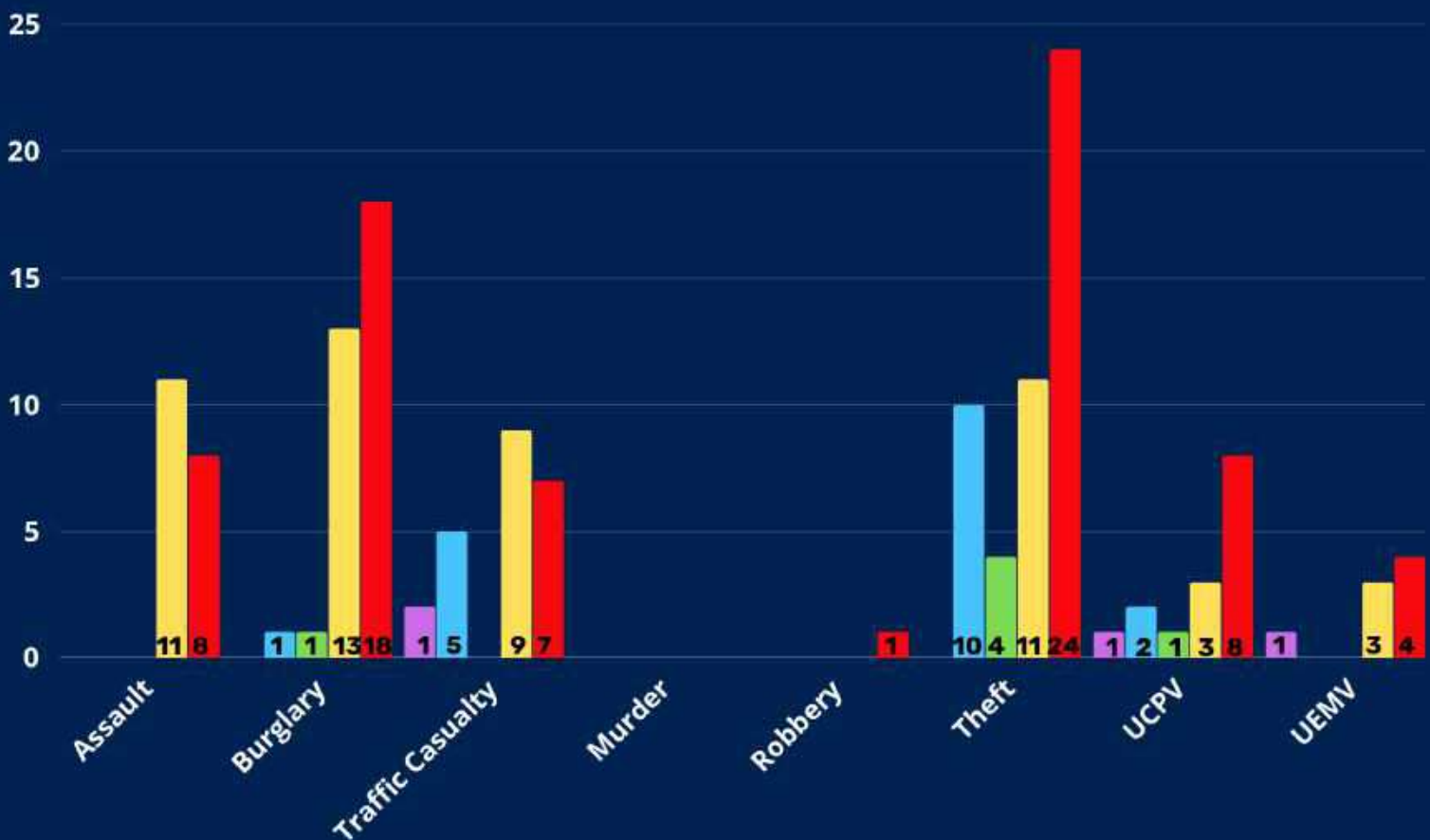
VOLCANO

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.

NOVEMBER CRIME STATS

VOLCANO

UEMV - 1

Nalehua Road

UCPV - 1

Nalehua Road

Assault-

Major TC- 2

Highway 11 / 24 Mile Marker
Old Volcano Road; True Value Parking Lot

KURTISTOWN

Burglary- 1

Pulelehua Road; Road 11

Theft- 4

Huina Road; County Highway Baseyard
Huina Road (2x)
Iwasaki Camp Road

UCPV-1

Hale Kula Road

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Burglary-1

Makoa Road

Major TC-- 5

Koloa Maoli Road & Old Volcano Trail
Moho Road; Road 8
Plumeria Street
Highway 11 / 12 Mile Marker
South Kopua Road

UCPV- 2

Pulelehua Road; Road 11 (2x)

Theft- 10

Koloa Maoli Road; Road 9
North Peck Road
North Glenwood Road
Alapua Street
Mauna Loa Drive
Palainui Avenue (2x)
Plumeria Street
Mahina Street (20th Street) Ohia
Makoa Road

NOVEMBER CRIME STATS

KEA'AU

Assault- 11

15th Avenue (2x)
14th Avenue
13th Avenue
Keaau High School (3x)
Keaau Intermediate School
Kupaoa Road
McDonalds Keaau
8th Avenue

Burglary- 13

Amau Road
Beach Road
10th Avenue
Melekule Street
Beach Road
30th Avenue
35th Avenue
36th Avenue
3rd Avenue
Tiki Gardens Road
Keaau Pahoa Road; Keaau Transfer Station
33rd Avenue
22nd Avenue

Major TC- 9

Paradise Drive & 26th Avenue
5th Avenue
Makuu Drive & 32nd Avenue
Kaloli Drive & 4th Avenue
Keaau Pahoa Road
Mikahala Street & Kipimana Street
Volcano Road & Old Volcano Road
Keaau Pahoa Road & Makuu Drive (2x)

UEMV- 3

Keaau Pahoa Road; Keaau Transfer Station
Aloha Court
35th Avenue; Animal Control

Theft- 11

Ala Heiau Road
Old Volcano Rd; Keaau Shopping Center
Keaau Pahoa Rd; Longs Drugs Keaau
35th Avenue
30th Avenue
32nd Avenue
Ipuiwaha Street
Orchidland Drive & 40th Avenue
21st Avenue
Beach Road
36th Avenue

UCPV- 3

Beach Road
Melekule Street
33rd Avenue; Drain Pipe

NOVEMBER CRIME STATS

PĀHOA

Assault- 8

Seaview Road (2x)
Pahoa Village Road; Malama Market
Post Office Road; HAAS
Pahoa Village Road; Solid Rock
Seaview Road
Silversword Drive
Mauna Kea Drive

Burglary- 18

Pikake Road
Church Road
Pahoa Kalapana Road (2x)
Post Office Road; HAAS
Mahimahi Street
Malama Street
Pahoa Village Road (2x)
Tutu Lane
Hookupu Street
Kawakawa Street
Pahoa Kapoho Road
Hawaii Road (2x)
Hapuu Road
Seaview Road
Niihau Lane

Major TC- 7

Keaau Pahoa Road & Post Office Road
Nanawale Blvd. & Pahoa Kapoho Road
Kahakai Blvd.; Longs Drugs Pahoa
Maiko Street
Ainaloa Blvd. & Uilani Drive
Kaimu Chain of Craters Road
Hanale Drive

UEMV- 4

Pahoa Kapoho Rd & Government. Beach Rd
Kehena Beach Estates
Post Office Road; HAAS
Pahoa Village Road

Thefts- 24

Keaau Pahoa Road; Makuu Market; Propane
Kahakai Blvd.; Longs Drugs Pahoa
Azure Drive (2x)
Pahoa Village Road (2x)
Pahoa Village Road; Suds and Duds
Pahoa Village Road; Puna Kai Center
Seaview Road (2x)
Kahala Street & Kahakai Blvd.
Puakenikeni Place
Kehena Beach Estates
Kauhale Street; Pahoa Aquatic Center
Manalo Street
Ohia Drive
Kauhale Street; Billy Kenoi Park
Naele Road
Pahoa Village Road; Malama Market
Hapuu Road (2x)
Kahakai Blvd.; Woodland Center
Aloha Road
Niihau Lane

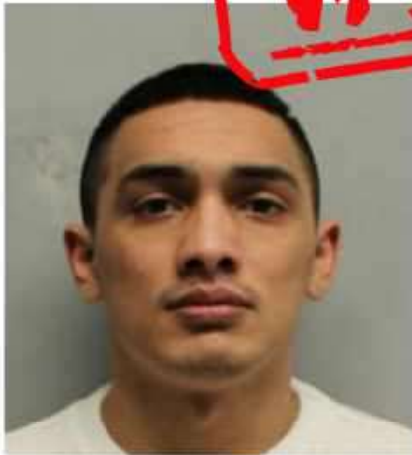
Robbery- 1

Kekuewa Street

UCPV-8

Kahoolawe Road
Laaui Way
Post Office Road; HAAS
Mayzee Road
Tutu Lane
Bamboo Drive & Ainaloa Blvd.
Kekuewa Street
Pahoa Kalapana Road & Upper Puna Road

WANTED



Keanu KRAUSE



Alexander KAUWE



Malani TAVUI



Benny GORDON



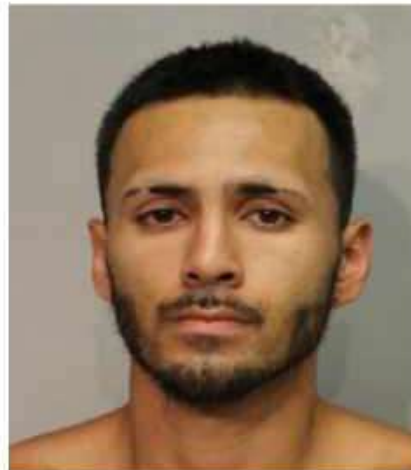
Kealiiokekai KAMANU



Kanamu EVANGELISTA



Christopher LUCRISIA



**Nathaniel CHOW-
GUZMAN**



Alden PAULINE

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.