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PUNA NEWSLETTER

Hawai'i County Police Department

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As We Approach Graduation

Graduation symbolizes a significant step forward—both academically and personally. It represents the culmination of hard work, dedication, and the beginning of a new chapter.

It's a time to celebrate achievements, reflect on personal growth, and embrace the transition to the next phase of life. Graduation marks the mastery of knowledge and skills acquired over years of study within an educational setting. Beyond academics, it reflects personal development: the growth of confidence, resilience, and self-awareness. It opens the door to new opportunities, experiences, and challenges—whether in career paths, further education, or life's broader journey.

The word graduation comes from the Latin gradus, meaning “step”—a fitting reminder of the upward progress this milestone represents.

Congratulations to the graduates—your journey is just beginning!

Monthly Review

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This newsletter is brought to you by your Community Policing Team—Officers Cardines, Lunsford, Sato, and Scanlan. It's designed for the public and serves as our way of sharing helpful information and raising awareness. Feel free to share!



APRIL REPORTED CRIMES



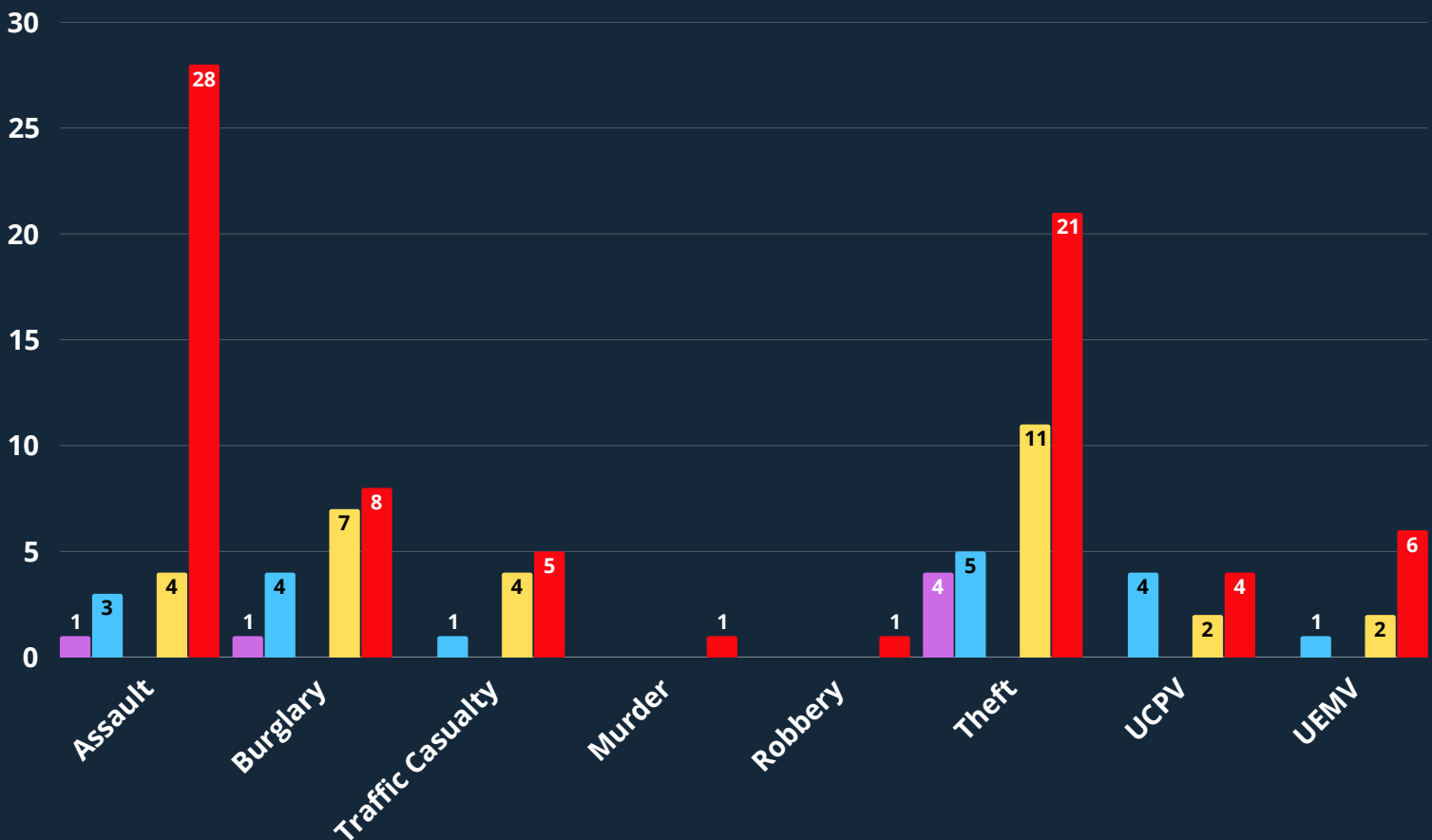
VOLCANO

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.
- **Traffic Casualty:** Major traffic casualties; \$3000 plus in damages and/or injuries.
- **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.

APRIL CRIME STATS

VOLCANO BURGLARY - 1

Lehuanani Street

THEFT - 4

Kahaulea Road

Ala Kapena Street X2

N Glenwood Road

ASSAULT - 1

Anuheia Street

MOUNTAIN VIEW

ASSASULT - 3

Kolika Street X2

Huina Rd

BURGLARY - 4

Uau Road

Anthurium Street

AO Road

Volcano Road

THEFT - 5

Palm Tree Drive

Uau Road X2

Plumeria Street X2

TRAFFIC CASUALTY - 1

Palainui Ave

UCPV - 4

Uau Road X2

Ao Road

Plumeria Street

UEMV - 1

Uau Road

APRIL CRIME STATS

KURTISTOWN

KEA'AU

ASSAULT-4

Highway 11/Hwy 139
Old Volcano Rd/Keaau town
Old Volcano Rd/Shipman Park
Keaau High School

BURGLARY -7

30th Ave
Beach Road
Melekahiwa Street
27th Ave
Paradise Drive
25th Ave
41st Ave

UCPV -2

34th Ave
41st Ave

UEMV - 2

Hwy11/Kipimana Street
Ohe Street

THEFT - 11

Old Volcano Road
14th Ave
5th Ave X2
Keaau Pahoa Road
27th Ave
12th Ave
27th Ave X3
23rd Ave
34th Ave
Maku'u Drive
10th Ave

TRAFFIC CASUALTY - 4

Kaloi Drive/20th Ave
Keaau Intermediate School
Paradise Drive/18th Ave
Keaau Pahoa Road

APRIL CRIME STATS

PĀHOA

ASSAULT-28

Apaa Street
Pahoa Village Rd
Kahakai Blvd
Hawaiian Beaches Park
Pahoa High School
Pahoa 7-11 X2
Pahoa-Puna Kai
Puna Street
Kalapana Street X2
Niuhi Street
Pikake Road
Pahoa Village Rd/Malama Market
Uilani Drive X2
Keaau Pahoa Road
Kalapana
Leialoha Drive
N Puni Maki Loop
Macadamia Drive
Rainbow Drive
Laau Place
Ala Iki
Pahoa High School
Pahoa Village Road/Black Lava Vape
Ainalola Drive
Huina Drive

UEMV-6

Niuhi Street
Uilani Drive
KahaKai Blvd
Kuna Street
Hapu'u Road
Ala Iki

MURDER-1

Lehua Road

ROBBERY-1

Hapuu Road

THEFT-21

Puni Makai Loop
Kahakai Blvd X3
Kamaili Road
Ainaloa Blvd
Pohoiki Road
Puni Mauka Loop
Kahakai Blvd X2
Pahoa Village Road
Pahoa Police Station X4
Leilani Drive
Hou Street
Kipuka Street
Leilani Ave
Ala Iki
Treefern Drive

TRAFFIC CASUALTY-5

Hwy 130/ Kahuhiwa Street
Hwy 130/Pahoa Kapoho Road
Hwy 130/Pahoa Fire Station
Hwy 130/ Pahoa Kaalapana Road
Hwy 130/ Kaohuwalu Drive

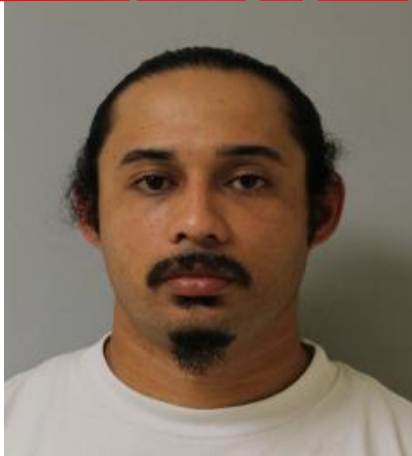
BURGLARY-8

Pahoa 7-11
Puna Street
Apaa Street
Kahukai Street
Uilani Drive
Pomaikai Street
Kula Drive
Ala Iki

UCPV -4

Pauhau Place
S Puni Makai Loop
Middle Road
KipukaStreet

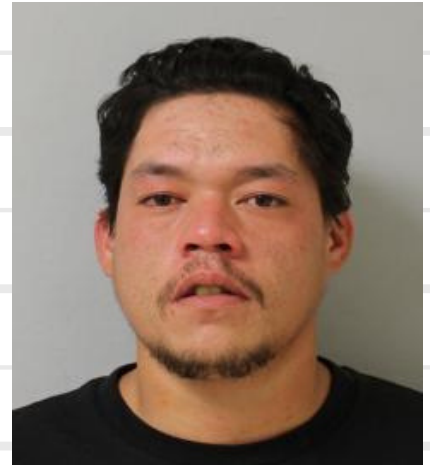
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6'8"
WANTED
6'6"
6'4"
6'2"
6'0"
5'8"
5'6"
5'4"
5'2"
5'0"
4'8"
4'6"



Guy NOBRIGA



Benny GORDON



Kingston SAMSON



Kealiiokekai KAMANU



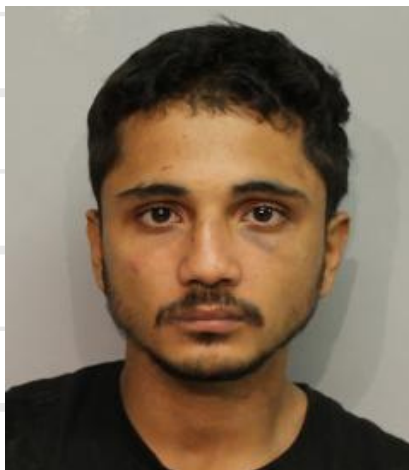
Jason (Pena) MITCHELL



Kennedy WILSON



Christopher MATTOS



Lyam ZELGER



**Clyde LOA
(Escapee)**

Please 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.



In Hawaii, acquiring firearms requires permits for handguns and long guns. A separate permit is needed for each handgun transaction, while a long gun permit covers multiple rifles and shotguns. Concealed and open carry licenses are also required, and open carry is only valid within the county of issuance. Hawaii is known for its strict gun laws, including a 21-year-old age minimum for firearm and ammunition purchases.

Key aspects of Hawaii gun laws:

Permits to Acquire: A permit from the county police chief is required to acquire any firearm in Hawaii.

Waiting Period: There is a 14- to 20-day waiting period for permits.

Registration: All firearms acquired in Hawaii must be registered within 5 days.

Concealed and Open Carry: Licenses are required for both concealed and open carry, and they are only valid within the county of issuance.

Age Restrictions: The minimum age for firearm purchases and most ammunition purchases is 21 years old.

Prohibited Items: Hawaii has bans on certain firearms, including assault pistols and some magazines.

State-Specific Laws: Hawaii has its own unique gun laws, including restrictions on who can possess firearms and where they can be carried.

Impact of Court Cases: Recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions have impacted Hawaii's gun laws, leading to some changes, according to the HAWAII RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Penalties: Carrying a loaded handgun without a valid permit is a class B felony according to the U.S. Concealed Carry Association.

LOCATION OF BIG ISLANDS RANGES



On the Big Island of Hawaii, several gun ranges are available, including the Hawaii County Trap & Skeet Range in Hilo, Kona Guns and Ammo in Kona, and the public shooting range at Mile Marker 16 on Saddle Road. Additionally, White Shark Arms in Hilo offers an indoor range.

Detailed Information:

Big Island Trap Club (H), Hilo: This club uses the Hawaii County Trap & Skeet Range for its events.

Kona Guns and Ammo (Kona): This business offers gun safety courses and may be a good source for information about local ranges.

Public Shooting Range (Mile Marker 16, Saddle Road): This area is designated for safe and responsible firearm practice.

White Shark Arms (Hilo): This is an indoor shooting range offering rental packages and instruction.

Celebrate

To celebrate responsibly, prioritize moderation, especially if alcohol is involved. Plan for safe transportation, and be mindful of your surroundings and the impact on others. If you're the host, offer a variety of food and beverages, including non-alcoholic options.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

1. Moderation and Alcohol Consumption:

Know Your Limits: Determine how many drinks you can comfortably handle and stick to that limit.

Pace Yourself: Space out alcoholic drinks and alternate with non-alcoholic beverages like water or mocktails.

Avoid Binge Drinking: Don't consume excessive amounts of alcohol in a short period.

Stay Hydrated: Drink plenty of water throughout the celebration to help reduce the effects of alcohol.

2. Transportation and Safety:

Plan Ahead: Decide how you'll get home before you start celebrating.

Designated Driver: Have a sober driver or arrange for alternative transportation like a taxi, bus, or ride-sharing service.

Be Aware of Surroundings: Pay attention to your environment and look out for others, especially if you're at a crowded party.

3. Host Responsibilities (If Applicable):

Offer Variety: Provide a range of food and beverages to cater to different preferences.

Non-Alcoholic Options: Make sure there are plenty of mocktails, juices, sodas, and water available.

Food Service: Offer food alongside drinks to help absorb alcohol.

Mindful Drink Service: Be aware of how much alcohol is being served and encourage responsible consumption.

Consider a Bartender: If you're hosting a large event, hiring a bartender can help manage drink service and ensure it's done safely.

4. General Tips:

Be Mindful of Your Actions: Avoid excessive noise, and be respectful of others.

Look Out for Others: Check on friends and guests who may be struggling or feeling unwell.

Have a Backup Plan: If you or someone else needs to leave early, have a plan in place for transportation.

Enjoy the Moment: Remember that celebrations are about having fun and creating positive memories.

As of April 2025, there is no active burn ban in place in the County of Hawaii. Open burning is generally prohibited, but there are exceptions for activities like cooking, fire training, and agricultural burning with a valid permit. The Hawaii County Department of Environmental Management and the Hawaii Department of Health are the primary sources for burn ban information.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

General Prohibition:

Open burning is generally prohibited in Hawaii, including backyard burning of garbage and yard waste.

Permitted Exceptions:

There are exceptions for activities like cooking, fire training, and agricultural burning with a valid permit from the Department of Health.

Agricultural Burning:

Anyone involved in an agricultural operation that burns green waste must obtain an agricultural burning permit from the Department of Health.

No Burn Periods:

During a "no-burn" period declared by the Department of Health, burning is not allowed, including the burning of logs, tree stumps, and other agricultural debris.

Permit Requirements:

If a permit is required, it must be approved and issued before starting any burning.

Open Burning Responsibility:

Anyone engaging in open burning is responsible for the fire and any related consequences.

Fireplace Smoke:

Smoke from fireplaces is not regulated by the DOH, as it passes through a stack or chimney.



For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

For non-life-threatening emergencies, call (808) 935-3311.

For the Fire Department, call (808) 961-8336.



PROPER 911 USE

Learn when and how to use 911 for emergencies to ensure a quick and effective response.



POLICE DIRECTORY

Access contact information for HPD departments, stations, and specialized units.



CRIME STOPPERS

Submit anonymous tips about crimes or suspicious activity to help keep our community safe.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Report stray or dangerous animals, access lost-and-found services, or learn about licensing and care.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Find support, counseling, and emergency resources for victims of domestic violence.



KULEANA HOTLINE

Share non-emergency community concerns confidentially to improve neighborhood safety.



REPORT AN UNSAFE DRIVER

Notify authorities about reckless, impaired, or dangerous driving behavior.



GET A COPY OF A POLICE REPORT

Request copies of police reports for legal, personal, or insurance purposes.



SUBMIT A TIP ABOUT AN UNSOLVED CASE

Provide confidential information to assist investigations.