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PUNA NEWSLETTER

Hawai'i County Police Department



PŪPŪKAHI I HOLOMUA

Unite to move forward.

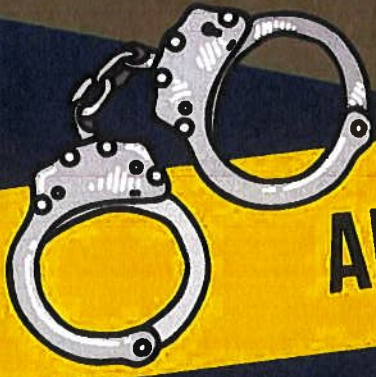
Progress in Puna depends on unity. When residents, families, and organizations move together with purpose, our community becomes stronger and more resilient.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Isaac Hale Beach Park will be closed starting September 2 until further notice to support crane dredging operations at the Pohoiki Boat Ramp. The \$9.28 million project, awarded to Goodfellow Bros., LLC by DLNR, will remove sand and lava debris deposited during the 2018 Kilauea eruption and restore the boat ramp's entrance channel. Work is expected to be completed by November. This temporary closure is necessary for public safety. Once finished, the project will reopen safe ocean access for fishers, boaters, and emergency responders.

Monthly Review

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- SUICIDE AWARENESS
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- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
- PUNA'S MOST WANTED
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AUGUST REPORTED CRIMES



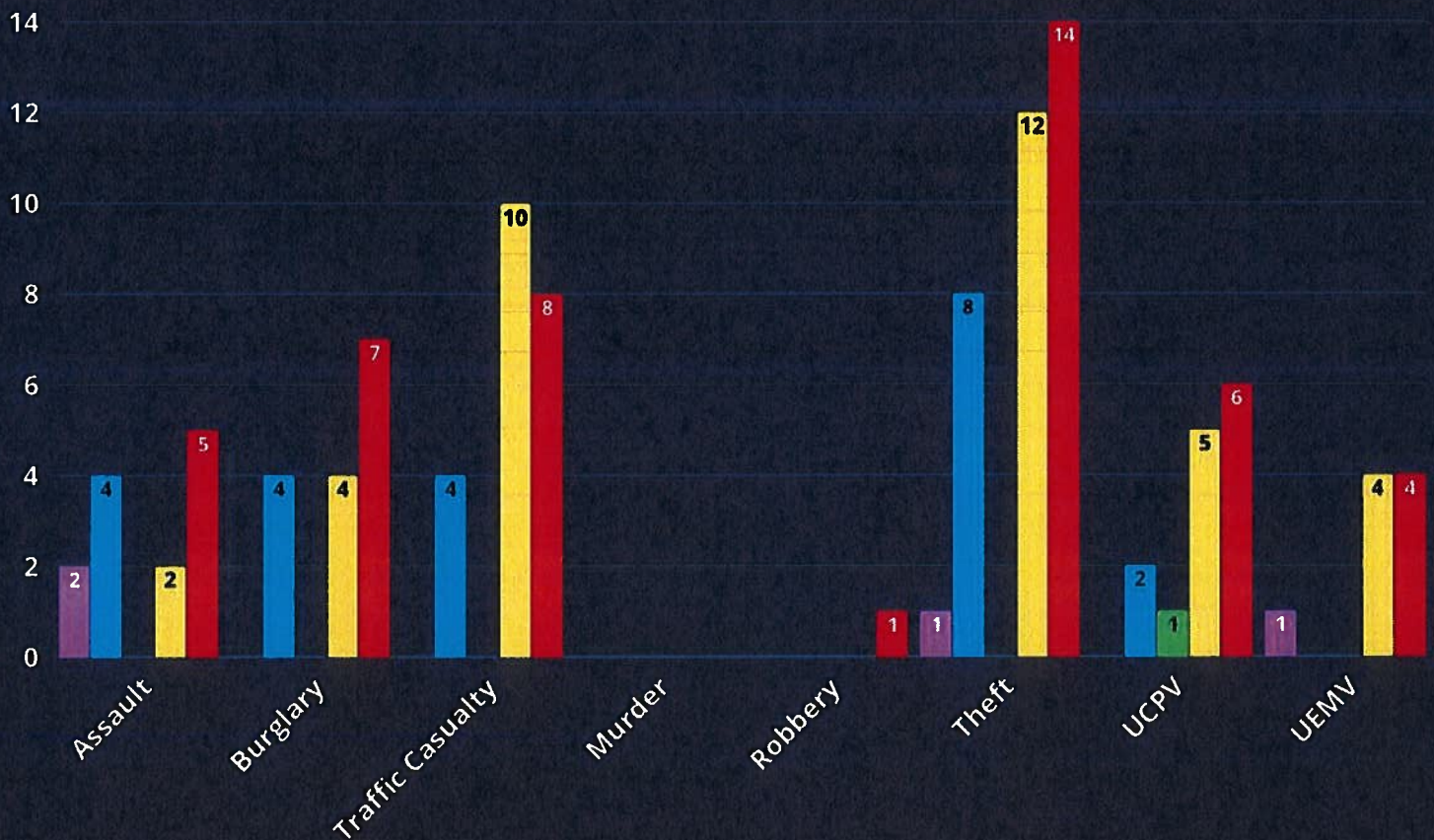
VOLCANO

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.

AUGUST CRIME STATS

VOLCANO

THEFT - 1

OLD VOLCANO ROAD

ASSAULT - 2

HAUNANI ROAD
KANOELEHUA AVENUE

MOUNTAIN VIEW

ASSAULT - 4

MALEIKAI STREET
PLUMERIA STREET
NORTH KULANI
KAUAI STREET

BURGLARY - 4

1ST AVENUE
20TH AVENUE
23RD AVENUE
38TH AVENUE

MAJOR TC - 4

HIGHWAY 11 X2
PUHALA STREET
HAUMALU STREET

UEMV - 1

MAKOA ROAD

THEFT - 8

HUINA ROAD X2
UHINI ANA ROAD
OHIA NANI ROAD
MOHO ROAD
PIKAKE STREET
PALAINUI AVENUE
HOPUE ROAD

UCPV - 2

MAKOA ROAD
MOHO ROAD

AUGUST CRIME STATS

KURTISTOWN

UCPV - 1
KUAAINA ROAD

KEA'AU

ASSAULT - 2
KEAAU-PAHOA ROAD **X2**

BURGLARY - 4
1ST AVENUE
20TH AVENUE
23RD AVENUE
38TH AVENUE

MAJOR TC - 10
HIGHWAY 130 **X7**
OLD VOLCANO
7TH AVENUE
37TH AVENUE

THEFT - 12
19TH AVENUE **X2**
24TH AVENUE
31ST AVENUE
20TH AVENUE
LEMIWAI ROAD
25TH AVENUE
34TH AVENUE
OLD VOLCANO ROAD
WATUMULL PROPERTY
32ND AVENUE
17TH AVENUE

UCPV - 5
27TH AVENUE
OLD VOLCANO ROAD
25TH AVENUE
34TH AVENUE **X2**

UEMV - 4
23RD AVENUE **X3**
34TH AVENUE

AUGUST CRIME STATS

PĀHOA

ASSAULT - 5

PAHOA VILLAGE ROAD **X3**
KAMAILI ROAD
KALIHI KAI STREET

BURGLARY - 7

GOVERNMENT BEACH ROAD
SANDALWOOD DRIVE
MOANA KAI PALI STREET
PAHOA VILLAGE ROAD
AWEOWEO STREET
SILVERSWORD DRIVE
HIGHWAY 132

MAJOR TC - 8

HIGHWAY 130 **X3**
PAHOA VILLAGE ROAD **X3**
KAHAKAI BOULEVARD
HIGHWAY 132

ROBBERY

PAPIO STREET

THEFT - 14

AINALOA BOULEVARD
KAPUNA ROAD
PAHOA VILLAGE ROAD **X2**
KAPOHO CIRCLE
KALUAHINE STREET
SANDALWOOD DRIVE
FOUR CORNERS
IAO STREET
MANINI STREET
AWEOWEO STREET
N PUNI MAUKA LOOP
KAHAKAI STREET
PAPAI STREET

UCPV - 6

KAPOHO CIRCLE
MOANA KAI PALI STREET
IAO STREET
NORTH PUNI MAKAI LOOP **X2**
PAPAI STREET

UEMV - 4

PAHOA VILLAGE ROAD
PAKAKA ROAD
KALIHI KAI STREET
NORTH PUNI MAKAI LOOP



SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

Staying Alert, Saving Lives

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month – a time to promote open conversation, shine a light on warning signs, and connect residents to help that matters. NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) reminds us that a single honest conversation can save a life.

📞 The Power of One Call: 988

When it comes to a mental health crisis, immediate and judgement-free support is just one call, text, or chat away. Dial 988 to connect with trained counselors available 24/7.

⚠️ Recognizing the Warning Signs

Being able to identify when someone may be struggling is one of the most effective tools for prevention. Common warning signs include:

- Talking about wanting to die or constant feelings of hopelessness.
- Withdrawing from family, friends, or usual activities.
- Extreme mood swings, increased anger, or irritability.
- Changes in sleep – sleeping too much or too little.
- Increased use of alcohol or drugs.
- Giving away possessions or saying goodbye.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



1 in 20 U.S. adults
have serious
thoughts of
suicide annually.

Approximately
1 person dies by
suicide every
11 minutes.

Suicide is the
2nd leading
cause of death
for ages 10-24.

46% of people who
die by suicide had
a known mental
health condition.

KŪPUNA SCAM ALERT

Stay Alert. Trust Your Instincts.

As scammers use artificial intelligence (AI) to create more sophisticated scams, protecting Hawai'i's kūpuna (elders) has become a priority. The most effective defense combines education, caution, and leveraging technology to your advantage. AI is used by fraudsters for deepfake audio, realistic-looking phishing emails, and complex investment scams, making it harder to spot a hoax.

👁️ *What to Look For*

- **AI Voice Cloning:** Scammers use AI to clone the voices of family members, creating convincing audio messages that claim an emergency and demand money. These calls prey on emotional bonds and the urgency to help a loved one.
- **Deepfake Videos:** Though less common, deepfake videos created with AI can mimic a person's appearance and speech, adding another layer of deception to scams.
- **AI-powered Phishing:** AI allows scammers to generate highly personalized and realistic phishing emails or texts that impersonate banks, government agencies, or tech companies. These messages often prompt you to click on malicious links or provide sensitive information.
- **AI-generated Investment Scams:** Scammers create fake websites and online personas to promote fraudulent investment opportunities with guaranteed high returns.
- **Fake Tech Support:** Scammers impersonate tech support agents, using fake pop-ups or calls to claim a computer has a virus. They then gain remote access to the device or charge for unnecessary services.



🛡️ *Tips to Stay Safe*

- **Verify emergencies:** If a call is received about a family member in trouble, hang up immediately. Call the family member or another relative directly to verify the situation.
- **Establish a family code word:** Create a private word or phrase that only your family knows to confirm a real emergency.
- **Do not respond to unknown texts OR click unknown links:** Responding to an unknown text, even to say "STOP," can confirm your number is active and mark you for more spam.
- **Block spam calls:** Use call-screening and spam-blocking features on your phone to filter out suspicious numbers.
- **Take your time:** Do not allow yourself to be rushed or pressured into making a financial decision. Real emergencies and legitimate offers do not require you to act immediately.
- **Consult a trusted person:** If an offer seems "too good to be true" or you feel uneasy, talk to a family member, professional, or the Senior Medicare Patrol.

📞 Call: 1-800-296-9422

✉️ Email: info@smphawaii.org

🌐 Visit: smphawaii.org



SEPTEMBER = EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

A few weeks ago, our community was reminded how quickly emergencies can unfold. The tsunami warning showed the importance of being prepared before the sirens sound or alerts come through.

What we learned

- **Know Your Zone:** Check Hawai'i County's tsunami evacuation maps so you and your 'ohana know where to go.
- **Act Quickly, Stay Calm:** Practice safe routes and meeting points so everyone moves with confidence.
- **Have Supplies Ready:** A "go kit" or "72 hour kit" with water, food, medications, flashlights, and documents should be packed ahead of time.
- **Stay Informed:** Sign up for Civil Defense alerts and follow official county updates - not only Facebook lives.

Resources provided by Hawai'i County Civil Defense Agency.



IF WE CAN REACH YOU,
WE CAN ALERT YOU



Text HAWAIIALERTS to
888777 to sign up for
Civil Defense alerts.

COUNTY OF HAWAII
HAZARD IMPACT MAP



See real-time hazards, such
as wildfires, severe
weather, and road closures.

ALL-HAZARD OUTDOOR
WARNING SIRENS



Learn about Hawai'i Island's
outdoor warning sirens and
view our live map.

WANTED

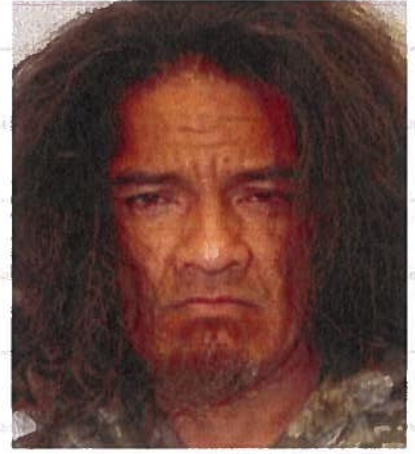
****Disclaimer: This list is based on current database records of active warrants as of 09-04-2025.**



Douglas CORDEIRO



Noa LOLOHEA



Leeron KUAMOO



Kealiiokekai KAMANU



Keanu K. KRAUSE



Kole RACE-JOQUIN



Christopher MATTOS



Christopher ASAGRA



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.



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.

RESOURCE GUIDE

hawaii.police.gov