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# PUNA NEWSLETTER

*Hawai'i County Police Department*



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## **E MĀLAMA I KE KANAKA NUI A ME KE KANAKA IKI**

*Take care of the big person and the little person.*

This guiding principle comes from Kanawai Mamalahoe, the Law of the Splintered Paddle, proclaimed by Kamehameha I to ensure that the aged, women, and children could travel safely without fear of harm. It reflects a long-held value in Hawai'i: that care, protection, and accountability extend to everyone, regardless of age, strength, or position.

As we begin the new year, January is a time to reset habits and recommit to shared responsibility. Whether on our roadways, in our neighborhoods, or during moments that call for preparedness, our daily choices matter. When we remain mindful of how our actions affect others, we help ensure that Puna remains a place where all can move, live, and gather safely.

### *Monthly Review*

- **CRIME TRENDS**
- **NEIGHBORHOOD NUGGETS**
- **HAWAII SAFE ROADS CHALLENGE**
- **MOVE OVER LAW**
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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!



# DECEMBER REPORTED CRIMES

VOLCANO

MT.VIEW

KURTISTOWN

KEA'AU

PĀHOA

20

15

10

5

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Assault

Burglary

Traffic Casualty

Murder

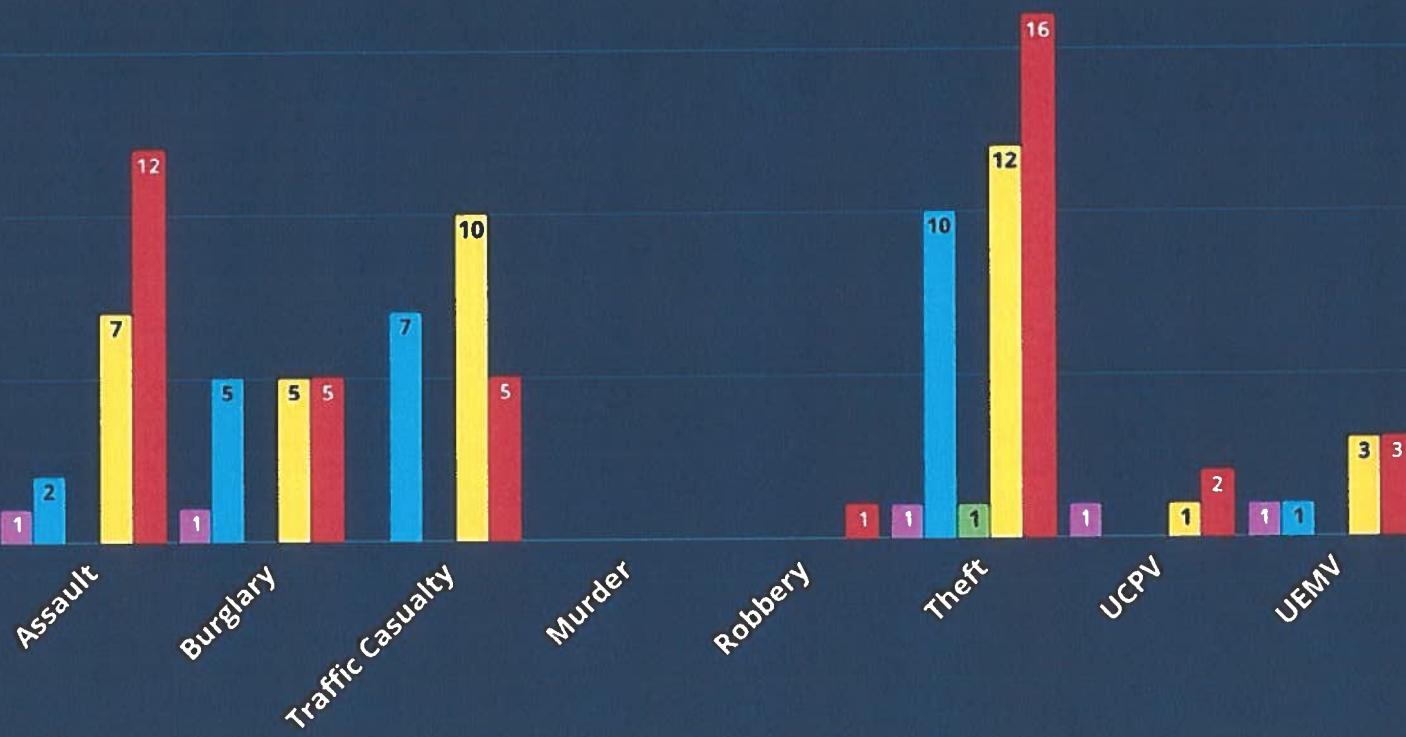
Robbery

Theft

UCPV

UEMV

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- **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.

# DECEMBER CRIME STATS

## VOLCANO

### ASSAULT - 1

5<sup>TH</sup> STREET

### BURGLARY - 1

KILIKAA ROAD

### THEFT - 1

NAHELENANI STREET

### UCPV - 1

ALII WAO ROAD

### UEMV - 1

HAUNANI ROAD

## MOUNTAIN VIEW

### ASSAULT - 2

VOLCANO ROAD  
PALAINUI AVENUE

### BURGLARY - 5

PALAINUI AVENUE  
LEHUA STREET  
MOHO ROAD  
ALAPUA STREET  
MAU LOA ROAD

### THEFT - 10

PALAINUI AVENUE  
MIKANA STREET  
MAKIA ROAD X3  
VOLCANO ROAD  
KEA ROAD  
OPEAPEA ROAD  
PLUMERIA STREET  
ULUHEMALU ROAD

### TRAFFIC CASUALTY - 7

MAKOA ROAD  
VOLCANO ROAD  
NORTH KULANI  
PLUMERIA STREET  
MOHO ROAD X3

### UEMV - 1

VOLCANO ROAD

# DECEMBER CRIME STATS

## KURTISTOWN

**THEFT - 1**  
PILIKINO ROAD

## KEA'AU

<b>ASSAULT - 7</b> 30 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE HIGHWAY 139 VOLCANO ROAD X2 OLD VOLCANO ROAD X2 ORCHIDLAND DRIVE	<b>UEMV - 3</b> 30 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE HIGHWAY 139 PILI MUA STREET
<b>BURGLARY - 5</b> PARADISE COURT HIGHWAY 130 KIELE STREET 15 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE 19 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE	<b>THEFT - 12</b> OLD VOLCANO ROAD X2 BEACH ROAD HIGHWAY 130 X3 37 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE IPUAIWAHA STREET 23 <sup>RD</sup> AVENUE 31 <sup>ST</sup> AVENUE PARADISE DRIVE 19 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE
<b>UCPV - 1</b> 31 <sup>ST</sup> AVENUE	<b>TRAFFIC CASUALTY - 10</b> HIGHWAY 11 32 <sup>ND</sup> AVENUE HIGHWAY 130 X3 24 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE VOLCANO ROAD MAKUU DRIVE PARADISE DRIVE X2

# DECEMBER CRIME STATS

## PAHOA

### ASSAULT - 12

POMAIKAI STREET  
PAHOA VILLAGE ROAD X5  
SEAVIEW CIRCLE  
AINALOA DRIVE X2  
OOPU STREET  
KAMAILI ROAD  
SILVERSWORD DRIVE

### BURGLARY - 5

POMAIKAI STREET  
HAPUU ROAD  
AINALOA DRIVE  
AAMA STREET  
UPPER PUNA ROAD

### TRAFFIC CASUALTY - 5

HIGHWAY 130  
KAHAKAI BOULEVARD  
HIGHWAY 132  
KAHAKAI BOULEVARD  
LEILANI AVENUE

### THEFT - 16

HIGHWAY 130 X6  
OAHU ROAD  
COCONUT DRIVE  
POMAIKAI STREET  
PAHOA VILLAGE ROAD X3  
CEMETERY ROAD  
OOPU STREET  
WAIMEA ROAD  
SEAVIEW ROAD

### ROBBERY - 1

KALUAHINE PLACE

### UCPV - 2

NANAWALE BOULEVARD  
HIGHWAY 137

### UEMV - 3

SEAVIEW CIRCLE  
HIGHWAY 137  
KAMAILI ROAD

# DID YOU KNOW?



## BURGLARIES IN PUNA JAN - DEC 2025

# 211



### *If You Suspect a Break-In*

If you return home and believe someone has entered your home—or may still be inside—do not enter. Leave the area immediately and call police.

- Go to a safe location nearby (a neighbor's home or your vehicle).
- Call police and provide your address and what you observed.
- Do not touch anything or confront anyone.
- Wait for officers to arrive before re-entering your home.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NUGGETS

Recent burglary activity across Hawai'i Island serves as a reminder that prevention starts at home. Small, consistent steps can significantly reduce opportunity and help keep our communities safe.

### *Home Safety Tip*

Lock doors and windows every time you leave—even for short errands. Avoid hiding spare keys outside, as these are commonly discovered during break-ins. Keep exterior lighting on at night and ensure entry points are visible from the street.

### *Vehicle Safety Tip*

Always lock vehicles and remove valuables, even when parked at home. Do not leave keys, wallets, tools, or electronics inside. Thieves frequently check unlocked vehicles in residential areas and driveways.

### *Neighborhood Safety Tip*

Get to know your neighbors and their vehicles. Establish simple communication—a text thread or group chat—to quickly share concerns or suspicious activity.



## 2026 HAWAII SAFE ROADS CHALLENGE

*Promoting Safety for Everyone on Our Roadways*

2025 has been Hawai'i's *deadliest* year on the roads since 2007, with 129 traffic fatalities statewide, including:

- 38 pedestrians
- 39 motorcycle/motor scooter riders (31 motorcyclists, 8 motor scooter operators)
- 40 motor vehicle occupants
- 7 bicyclists (3 e-bike)
- 5 other non-occupant fatalities

The Hawai'i Department of Transportation has launched the **2026 Hawai'i Safe Roads Challenge**, a free and voluntary program designed to help drivers become more aware of their driving habits and reduce risky behaviors behind the wheel.

### **Why Participate?**

- Speeding is a factor in nearly  $\frac{1}{3}$  of traffic fatalities statewide
- Small changes in driving behavior can significantly reduce crash risk
- Safer driving protects drivers, passengers, pedestrians, cyclists, and first responders
- Participation is easy, free, and open to drivers across Hawai'i

### **How The Challenge Works**

- Scan the QR code below + download the "Safe Roads" app
- Drive as usual (app runs in the background)
- Practice safer driving + earn chances to *win* rewards and prizes

### **What You'll See**

- Real-time tracking of key driving behaviors
- Personalized feedback and safety insights
- Incentives for positive driving choices

## JOIN THE CHALLENGE!



DOWNLOAD APP



LEARN MORE



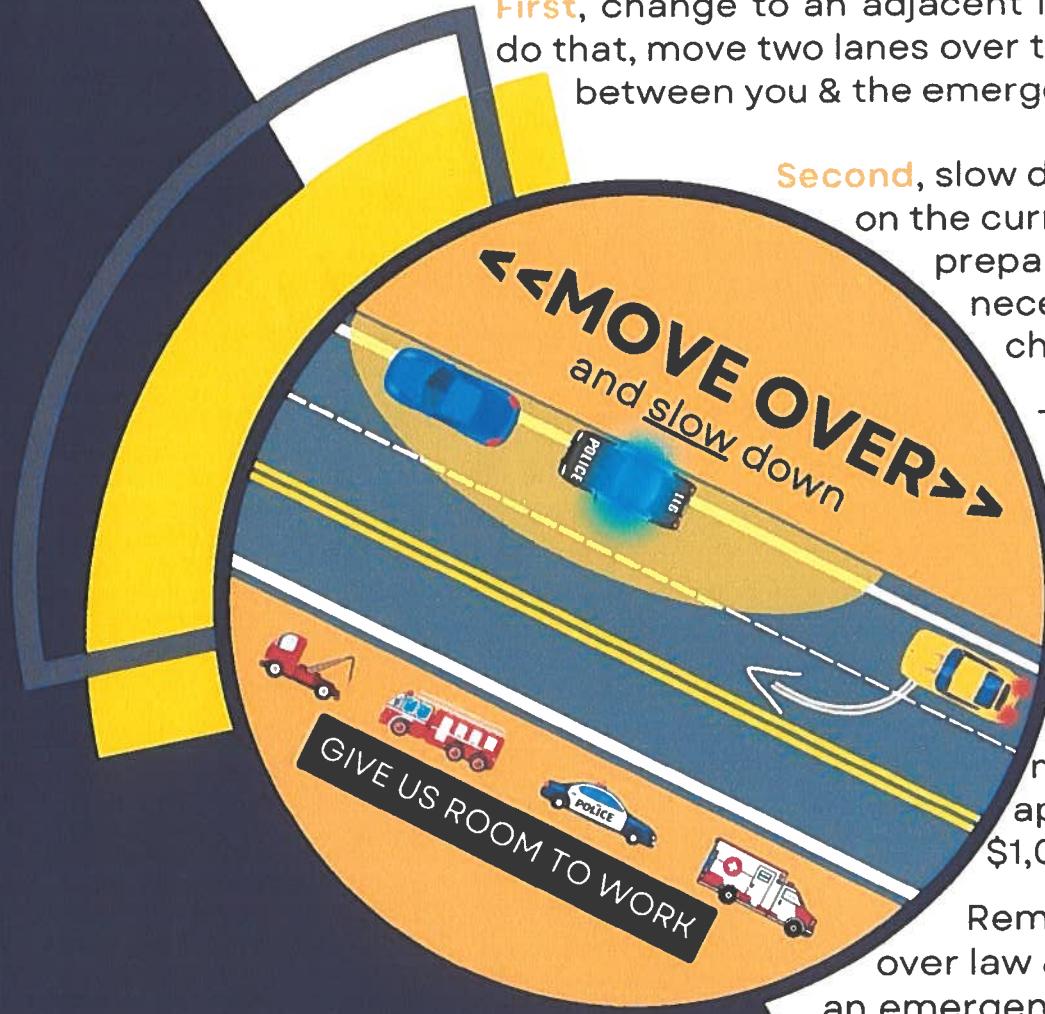
# SLOW DOWN & MOVE OVER

Attention Hawaii drivers! Did you know that there's a law in place, Hawaii Revised Statutes 291C-27, to help protect our emergency responders? It's called the **move over law**, & it's important to understand what it requires of you.

When you see a stationary emergency vehicle with its lights on, such as a police vehicle, ambulance or fire truck you must take action. Here's what you need to do:

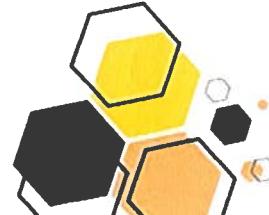
**First**, change to an adjacent lane if possible. If you can't do that, move two lanes over to create an empty lane between you & the emergency vehicle.

**Second**, slow down to a safe speed based on the current road conditions. Be prepared to come to a full stop if necessary to make a safe lane change.



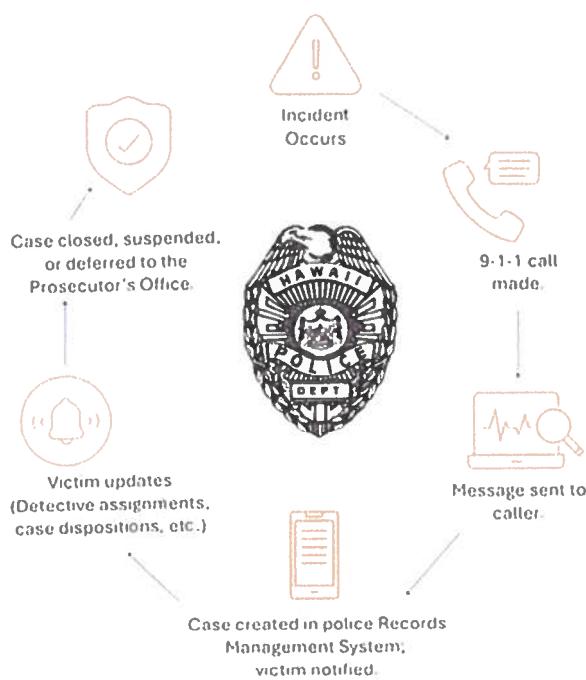
This law applies to a variety of emergency vehicles, including police & fire department vehicles, tow trucks, & more. If you don't comply with the move over law, you could face a traffic citation, mandatory court appearance, & a fine of up to \$1,000.

Remember, violating the move over law & causing injury or death to an emergency responder may result in an arrest and additional charges. Let's all do our part to keep our emergency responders safe by following Hawaii's move over law.



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

*Improving Communication, Access, and Public Safety*



## VERSATERM COMMUNITYCONNECT

The Hawai'i Police Department is expanding community engagement and transparency through **Versaterm CommunityConnect**, an automated system that provides timely updates about police calls and cases via text message or email.

### • What to expect:

- *Text confirmation* for certain service calls made from a cell phone, acknowledging your request for service
- Updates if an officer is delayed, helping reduce uncertainty and follow-up calls
- *Case status* and *arrest notifications* when key updates occur
- *Victim portal access* to view case information and enroll in notifications at [engage.hawaiipolice.gov](http://engage.hawaiipolice.gov)
- Messages available in English, Spanish, and Tagalog to better serve our diverse community

\*\*Reference Resource Guide for QR code to Hawai'i Police Department Victim Information Portal



Unused or expired prescription medications may be dropped off **year-round** at any of the eight HPD district police stations.

Safe disposal helps prevent misuse, protects keiki and kupuna, and keeps medications out of the environment.

# WANTED

\*\*Disclaimer: This list is based on the current database records of active warrants as of 1-5-2026.



**Daesyn PACHECO  
MURAGIN**



**Kyle PU'U-GUSTAFSON**



**Sonia SAMSON**



**Kealiiokokai KAMANU**



**Keanu K. KRAUSE**



**Kole RACE-JOAQUIN**



**Christopher MATTOS**



**Aaron NOBRIGA**



**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.



#### **VICTIM INFO PORTAL**

Check the status of your police report and receive real-time updates through HPD portal.



#### **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.



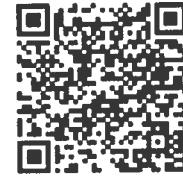
#### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

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**