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Volcano	
Assault-1	Pukeawe Circle
Burglary-1	Mokuna Street
Theft-4	Uluhemalu Road x2 Noe Kuahiwi Road Ala Naualani Road

Mt. View	
Assault-4	Apele Road Uhini Ana Road Plumeria Street Lehua Street
Burglary-5	Ao Road Opeapea Road Naia Street Volcano Road Uhini Ana Road
Major TC-1	North Kulani/Ihope Road
Robbery-1	Ekika Road
Theft-11	Volcano Road x2 Ao Road x2 Poola Road Lehua Street Fern Court Kini Road Naia Street Uhini Ana Road
UCPV-3	Komo Street Volcano Road x2
UEMV-4	Nau Nani Road Lehua Street Opeapea Street



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Keaau	
Assault-8	Orchidland Drive x3 Pohaku Drive Pohaku Circle Laukahi Place Shipman Ball Park
Burglary-4	2 ND AVE 33 RD AVE 13 TH AVE 22 ND AVE
Major TC-9	Highway 130/Kaloli Drive Old Volcano Road Paradise Drive/11 TH AVE Kaloli Drive/31 ST AVE Volcano Road/Kuaaina Road x2 Highway 130/Keaau Transfer Station x2
Robbery-2	13 TH AVE 22 ND AVE
Theft-9	13 TH AVE Railroad Ave x2 Keaau Pahoa Road x2 34 TH AVE Silersword Court Lemiwai Road Old Volcano Road
UCPV-3	16 TH AVE 5 TH AVE
UEMV-2	33 RD AVE 5 TH AVE



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Major TC-1	Volcano Highway/Hale Pule Loop
Theft-1	Volcano Road
UCPV-1	Aina Pua Street



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Pahoa	
Assault-10	Ainaloa Drive South Puni Mauka Loop x2 Kona Street Pahoa Village Road x3 Malolo Street Hapuu Street
Burglary-4	Kauai Road Nanawale Blvdx2 Kamaili Road
Major TC-5	Pahoa Village Road Ainaloa Blvd/Silveroak Drive Ginger Road/Flower Road Highway 130/Highway 137 Kahakai Blvd/Welea Street
Theft-21	Nanawale Baseball Field Pahoa water spigot Pahoa Village Road x2 Paradise Drive Palani Street x2 Cemetery Road Puna Street Kamili Road Ainaloa Blvd x2 Kahakai Blvd x2 Vista Drive Hapuu Street x2 Aku Street Ainaloa Drive
UCPV-6	Pahoa Village Road x3 Kipuka Street Ainaloa Drive Kekaikolo Street
UEMV-7	Kahakai Blvd Cook Street Nanawale Blvd x3 Beach Road Ocean View Park Way



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The Hawaii Police Department wants to wish everyone a happy holiday as family and friends gather to enjoy the Thanksgiving festivities.

As we take time this holiday to celebrate, we must not forget the dangers that can arise from traveling on our roadways. Officers will be patrolling the roadways this holiday to ensure everyone will arrive at their destination safely.

In addition, the Hawaii Police Department will be focusing on safety and enforcement which include distracted driving, motorists not wearing seat belts, unrestrained children in vehicles, aggressive driving and especially, driving under the influence.

By following these easy steps, a driver can enjoy safe holiday travel without jeopardizing their life or the lives of others on the road:

- Ensure all occupants are properly restrained.
- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and give that person your keys. If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.
- If you see a drunk or aggressive driver on the road, immediately contact 911 as soon as safely possible.
- If you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.



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Added crime prevention tips while you are away from home.

-Remember to place your mail, packages, and newspaper on hold. Criminals notice when the mail piles up or newspapers are scattered on the lawn. Criminals know this is a good indication that you are out of town.

-Place your lights, televisions, and radios on timers. This provides the image that someone is home. Be sure to close all blinds to ensure a potential criminal does not have the ability to peer inside your residence and monitor activity.

-Be sure to lock all doors, windows, garage doors, storage sheds, vehicles, and gates prior to leaving your residence.

-Remember to set your security alarm system if you have one. Test your system prior to leaving, to ensure it is functioning correctly. Ensure your personal contact information is also up-to-date; to ensure your alarm monitoring company has the ability to reach you.

-Have a close trustworthy friend or relative check on your residence while you are away.

-As excited as you may be to update your friends about your travel on social media, you may strongly wish to reconsider. Remember, anyone that is able to access your social media profile, will gain insight that you are away. Potential criminals pay attention to these details and could attempt to break into your home.

Hawaii Police Department would like to remind everyone that your safety is our priority and we wish you an enjoyable and safe Happy Thanksgiving



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Police Warn Public About Online Scams

Hawaii Island police are offering tips to help island residents keep their financial and digital information safe after receiving reports about different types of telephone and online scams affecting citizens in our community.

One of the scams includes criminals posing as police officers demanding money via wire transfer. Police remind the public that impersonating a police officer is a crime, punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$2,000 fine for each offense upon conviction.

The Hawaii Police Department will never ask you to wire money. Payment is only needed after a service request, such as duplication of police reports and applications related to firearms. Payment is generally required once someone is charged for an offense and their bail is set. The only acceptable forms of bail payment at the local police station are cash or a bond through a licensed bail bonds company. When the bail payment is received you will be provided with a receipt.

The following scams have been reported most recently in the South Kohala district and may also be occurring in other parts of the Big Island. The scams include:

Spoofing scam

Spoofing is a type of scam that criminals use to make something, like a telephone number, appear to be legitimate. In one situation, a victim recently reported receiving several telephone calls, one of which was from a person identifying themselves as an officer with Hawaii Police Department. The local police station's phone number was spoofed, giving the impression the call was legitimate and the suspect convinced the victim to wire them a large sum of money.

Prize-winner scam

The second scam involves the scammer contacting a victim via e-mail, telephone, or some other means to inform them they have won a spectacular, life-altering prize. The scammer then convinces the victim to send payment in various forms, such as wire transfers, gift cards, pre-paid debit cards and cash.

Check payment for online sales scam

The third scam involves items for sale on popular online buy/sell websites and social media platforms. The scammer will contact a victim stating that they're interested in the product and will send a check as payment. The check will be larger than the agreed upon price and the scammer will request the victim to send back the balance. Although the check initially appears to be legitimate, it ultimately will bounce.



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Google authentication code scam

Another type of online scam is when the scammer states they want to purchase an item from you, or reunite you with your lost pet, and will send you a confirmation code to prove you are a real person. The scammer will try to create a Google voice account using your phone number, which requires the confirmation code to activate it, or unlock your account with the confirmation code. The scammer will have a confirmation sent to your telephone number through Google and they will ask you for the number.

Once they are in possession of the authentication code, they can scam other people using your telephone number. Even more alarming, with enough information they can apply for fraudulent lines of credit using your information.

Useful tips to protect yourself from being scammed

- When contacted by someone claiming to be a representative of an entity, ask for their name, identification number, or some other form of identification that can be traced back to the person. Independently obtain a telephone number for that entity and call them to confirm the validity of the call you received.
- If a caller claims to be with a law enforcement agency, ask that person to provide you with a name, badge or identification number, and the agency's section they are representing. You can then use that information to independently verify the person's credentials.
- Legitimate businesses and utility services accept traditional forms of payment and do not ask for payment in the form of gift cards or pre-paid debit cards.
- Always check with a trusted friend or family member prior to sending a large sum of money to someone, especially if you don't know them personally
- If you know the person you are sending money to, call them to confirm that they were in fact the person you were speaking to and that there is a legitimate reason to send the money.
- Be mindful of aggressive callers that try to intimidate and threaten you with legal actions. Ask them questions and be mindful of callers who get increasingly agitated when they can't provide you with reasonable answers.
- When you locate an item online, inspect the photo and / or website carefully for anything that appears out of place and may indicate that the photo was not taken in Hawaii or the web address has been altered slightly to appear legitimate.
- Be cautious when you see telephone numbers with out-of-state area codes and generic locations listed which is a frequently used technique by scammers.

If you are unsure or uneasy about a situation that you believe may be a scam, contact your local police station or call the Hawaii Police Department's non-emergency number at (808) 935-3311.



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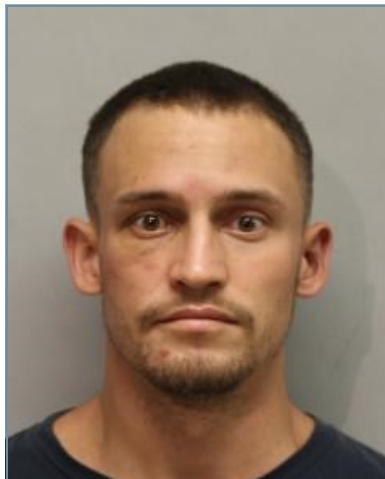
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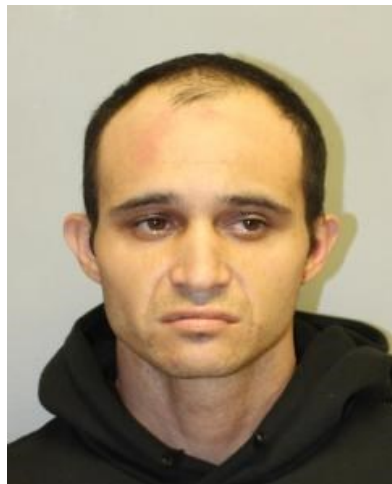
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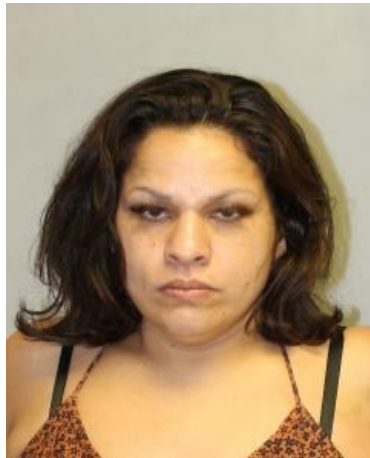
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