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Local Businessman Charged With Tax Violations

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HONOLULU – On August 5, 2024, Frederick Kamaka Jr., was charged as an individual, and Kamaka Hawai'i, Inc., was charged as a business, with six counts each for the willful failure to file general excise tax returns for tax years 2017 through 2022, in violation of Section 231-35, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

Department of Taxation (DOTAX) Director Gary Suganuma said: "DOTAX actively enforces Hawai'i's tax laws, particularly against those who choose not to pay taxes," "This safeguards Hawai'i's tax system and secures revenues needed to fund state programs."

If convicted, Kamaka Jr. faces imprisonment of up to one year, and a fine of up to \$25,000, for each of the six counts. Kamaka Hawai'i, Inc., faces a fine of up to \$100,000 for each of the six counts. Criminal defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

The investigation was conducted by the Department of Taxation, Criminal Investigation Section. This case is being prosecuted by the Department of the Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

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