



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

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The Department of Public Safety (PSD) submits this report pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 487R-4, Reporting Requirements. On August 17, 2009, PSD's Management Information Systems (MIS) office was notified by the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) that a personal computer (PC) with personal inmate data on it had been found at a bulky trash pickup site and retrieved and turned over to the HPD by a citizen. Upon review of the property records involving this PC, it was found that the PC was to have been disposed of after December 5, 2007. When the Director became aware of this incident he immediately ordered an investigation. PSD is currently conducting this investigation as to how this PC was at a bulky trash pickup site when it was to have been destroyed over a year earlier. Further, it was discovered that there was no department wide policy on the destruction of hard drives from computers or any other electronic media, and the Management Information System (MIS) division is currently working on such a policy.

There were 89 names of inmates with Social Security numbers and the date of birth that remained in files on the hard drive of the PC in question.

In order to ensure that this type of inadvertent release does not happen again, the Director has ordered that all computers and electronic media in the future will be disposed of pursuant to the department wide policy that is currently being developed.