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**MULTI-AGENCY OPERATION "PICK'EM UP" NETS SEVERAL PEOPLE  
ACCUSED OF IDENTITY THEFT RELATED CRIMES**

*One person also arrested in unrelated counterfeit money investigation*

HONOLULU – As part of an on-going effort to cut down on identity theft related crime, a joint inter-agency investigation called Operation "Pick'em Up" was conducted by the state Department of Public Safety's Sheriff Division, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and the Honolulu City Prosecutors Office.

Operation "Pick'em Up" resulted in the indictment of eight individuals on 13 counts of Forgery, Criminal Possession of a Forgery Device and Accomplice to Forgery. Six of the indicted individuals have been arrested so far.

"This collaboration between the state Department of Public Safety and other law enforcement agencies is reflective of the Abercrombie Administration's focus on effectiveness and efficiency through collaboration, and is representative of our continued commitment to the safety and welfare of the community; these will always be top priority for us," said Public Safety Interim Director Ted Sakai.

Also, in another unrelated inter-agency investigation involving the Sheriff Division, U.S. Secret Service, and HSI, one individual was indicted and arrested for the counterfeit manufacturing and distribution of U.S. currency, Hawaii State Safety emblems, automobile insurance cards, and Hawaii State Driver's licenses.

"The Sheriff Division will continue to serve and support our Federal and County partners in every capacity to investigate and apprehend individuals who violate the law for personal gain," said State Sheriff Shawn Tsuha. "These violations are far from 'victimless' and result in lost income to businesses, higher insurance costs for everyone, and increased identity theft risk to our community."

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