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STATE SHERIFFS AND HONOLULU POLICE LOOK FOR RECENTLY RELEASED OCCC PRETRIAL DETAINEE

HONOLULU – On Friday, February 22, inmate Joseph Morauski was released after posting bail, from the Oahu Community Correctional Center. It was later determined that Morauski should have been released to the custody of the Department of Health. State Sheriffs and Honolulu Police were notified. The Department of Public Safety is conducting an investigation into circumstances surrounding the release.

Morauski was in custody on pre-trial misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor charges including Resisting an Order to Stop a Motor Vehicle, Reckless Driving, and Criminal Property Damage 4.

The 26-year-old Morauski is 5'8" tall and weighs 150 lbs. He has brown hair and brown eyes.

If you see him, please call 911 or Sheriff Dispatch at 586-1352.

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We were made aware of the erroneous release today (2/25) and acted on it immediately by deploying the Sheriff Fugitive Unit to search for Morauski, without alerting him. When current leads dried up we notified the public to solicit tips that could help with the search.

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