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### SHERIFFS AND HONOLULU POLICE NO LONGER SEARCHING FOR OCCC PRETRIAL DETAINEE

HONOLULU – The Department of Health has notified the Department of Public Safety that they located Joseph Morauski. He is no longer being sought by law enforcement.

On Friday, February 22, 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. 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.

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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.

We would refer you to the DOH for information on the status of their patient. Based on the confidentiality rights of Mr. Morauski, PSD is unable to provide any further details on his status.

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