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Kaua'i police arrest Texas man for violating 14-day quarantine

LĪHU'E – Kaua'i police arrested Chris Coleman, 36, of San Antonio, Texas at approximately 10 p.m. Monday at the Hilton Garden Inn Wailua Bay for violating the state and county emergency rules regarding COVID-19, HRS 127A-29.

According to a preliminary investigation, Coleman was informed by Kaua'i police of the 14-day quarantine rules when he arrived at Līhu'e Airport on July 4. He was also advised by staff at the Hilton Garden Inn about the quarantine requirements upon his check-in. He was informed that he could not leave his room, except for emergency medical purposes, for 14 days.

He was also informed of the quarantine requirement a third time by the Kaua'i Police Department during a miscellaneous call for police assistance involving a verbal disagreement between Coleman and hotel staff regarding his quarantine location.

On Monday, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Coleman requested that Hilton Garden Inn staff call a taxi for him. Hotel staff informed Coleman that they could not do that for him, and why. Coleman became belligerent with the staff, left his room and approached the hotel's front desk employees demanding a taxi and making disparaging remarks toward them.



Kaua'i police arrived at the hotel and Coleman was subsequently arrested for violating the COVID-19 quarantine requirement.

He is currently being held at cellblock on \$1,000 bail and he could potentially face up to one year in prison and up to \$5,000 in fines for violating the COVID-19 emergency rules.



Photo of Chris Coleman courtesy of KPD.

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