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**Prosecuting Attorney's statement on the passing of Richard Minatoya**

Prosecuting Attorney Justin F. Kollar released the following statement concerning the passing of Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Richard Minatoya.

"Richard Minatoya, former First Deputy for the County of Kaua'i Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and former Kaua'i County Councilmember, has passed away.

"Since leaving Kaua'i (and continuing his service with the County of Maui as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney), Richard would handle some conflict cases on Kaua'i, keep our office apprised of legislative changes, and often communicated with Tracy Murakami in our office concerning appellate and forfeiture issues. We worked closely with him each year on developing proposals to submit to the legislature on behalf of Hawai'i law enforcement. Richard was active in Kiwanis and recently received a lifetime achievement award for his service.

"We fondly remember Richard. His wife, Setsuko, who is from Japan, has the support of her family, who traveled from Japan to be with her.

"Richard was a shining example of the prosecutor's mission to seek justice. His dedication to the people of Hawai'i will not be forgotten. We hold his 'ohana in our thoughts today, as we remember his sense of humor, his commitment, and his spirit."

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