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KCCC inmate on work furlough indicted, charged with Sexual Assault

LĪHU'E – A Fifth Circuit Grand Jury indicted Stephen Kaliko Makanani, 33, on Wednesday, and charged him with one count of Sexual Assault in the First Degree for an incident that allegedly took place in August of this year.

Makanani was convicted in November 2017 for the felony charges of Unauthorized Control of a Propelled Vehicle and Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle, and was sentenced to serve five years in prison.

The State had sought a 20-year prison term because the car theft was committed just months after Makanani finished serving a previous five-year prison sentence for a number of other charges. However, after serving less than a year of prison time, Makanani was placed on work furlough, despite the State's strong objection.

Makanani's prior criminal history includes nine felony convictions from five different cases, including convictions for Burglary, Illegal Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Theft of Credit Card, Unauthorized Control of Propelled Vehicle, and Unauthorized Possession of Confidential Personal Information.

Detective Damien McCallum is the lead investigator and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Sean Van Demark is prosecuting the case.

Makanani is currently in custody and bail in this case is set at \$500,000.



An indictment is an allegation and Makenani is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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