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2 Los Angeles travelers arrested for falsified travel documents

LIHU'E – Two travelers from Los Angeles were arrested around noon on Tuesday for uploading falsified documents into the Hawai'i Safe Travels portal in an attempt to avoid the state's travel quarantine requirements.

Lazar Hayward Jr., 34, and Raven Randle, 33, of California, travelled from LAX to Līhu'e Airport via a direct American Airlines flight. Both travelers had registered their trip in the Hawai'i Safe Travels portal and had uploaded falsified negative Covid-19 test documents into the system.

The documents were flagged by the Safe Travels application. Hawai'i travel-screening officials with the Hawai'i National Guard and Roberts Hawai'i then alerted the Department of the Attorney General's Investigations Division, along with the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency and Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) officials.

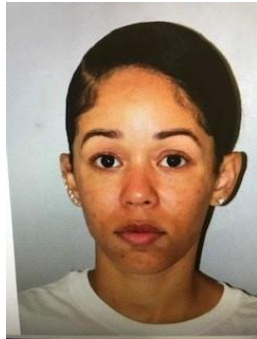
The Attorney General's Investigations Division then proceeded to conduct a thorough investigation into the matter and collaborated with Kaua'i police who arrested the two individuals for Unsworn Falsification, HRS 710-1063.

"The Department of the Attorney General values its partnership with the Kaua'i Police Department and the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency and appreciates their collaboration in enforcing COVID-19 rules and efforts to keep Kaua'i communities safe," said Special Assistant to the Attorney General Gary Yamashiroya.

After being booked for the offenses, Hayward and Randle were released pending investigation and driven back to Līhu'e Airport where they caught a direct flight back to Los Angeles.

A court date has not yet been set.

“These arrests highlight the continuing efforts between the Attorney General’s investigators, other State officials and County law enforcement to keep Hawai‘i safe,” said Patrol Services Bureau Assistant Chief Mark Begley. “We also want to thank the vast majority of our visitors and residents who respect and follow the safety protocols that are in place during their travel to Hawai‘i.”



Raven Randle



Lazar Hayward Jr.

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