

# Office of the Prosecuting Attorney



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# Mission

It is our mission to promote the fair, impartial and expeditious pursuit of justice in every case; to ensure safer communities, and to promote integrity in our profession.

It is our mission to temper justice with compassion, and to do our work in an open, transparent, and accountable way.

# Vision

Our vision is for a safe and healthy community, where:

- Offenders are held accountable
- Case dispositions are appropriate for offense and offender
- Timely and efficient administration of justice occurs
- Service delivery is improved for victims and witnesses
- Crime is reduced
- Fear of crime is reduced

Our vision is for an OPA that exemplifies:

- Competent and professional behavior
- Efficient, fiscally responsible management and administration, and
- Consistent, coordinated enforcement efforts and administration of justice.

# Structure

Kaua'i's Largest Law Firm.

- Apply business principles and best management practices.
- District/Family Court \* Circuit Court \* Appeals/Admin Services

Attorneys (15)

Clerical Support (14 )

Victim/Witness Program (4)

Administrative Support (5)

Investigative Support (4)

# Public Enemy #1



If you see this man, please  
call law enforcement!

# Major factors driving crime:

## METHAMPHETAMINE

### LONG TERM EFFECTS

1. LIVER DAMAGE
2. KIDNEY DAMAGE
3. INFECTIOUS DISEASE
4. DEPRESSION
5. BRAIN DAMAGE
6. DEATH



# Factors driving crime:

- Opioid abuse
- Users stealing items and trading them for drugs
- Use of underage addicts as thieves



# Major factors driving crime:



# Property crimes:

Of our 3,338 completed cases in 2014:

- 296 (12.66% of total cases) were burglaries, thefts, stolen vehicles, and illegal entries into vehicle cases)
- 55 (2.35% of total cases) were residential break-in related cases.

# Property crimes: Protect yourself and your business

1. Are customers greeted upon entering the business?
2. Are clerks well trained in observing shoplifting behavior?
3. Have appropriate internal preventive measures been taken to inhibit shoplifting?
4. Are personnel assigned working hours according to the store's busiest hours?
5. Are shoplifters prosecuted to the fullest extent?



# Property crimes: Protect yourself and your business

1. Are strangers properly greeted?
2. Are your billfold, purse, and other personal belongings protected while on the job?
3. Are fellow employees reported when observed stealing?
4. Is there only one person in charge of issuing all keys?
5. Is a record kept of who has received what keys?
6. Do all keys state "Do Not Duplicate"?
7. Are maintenance personnel, visitors, etc. required to show identification to a receptionist?
8. Is there a clear view from the receptionist's desk of entrance, stairs, and elevators?
9. Can entrances be reduced without loss of efficiency?
10. Are office doors locked when unattended for a long period of time?
11. Are items of value secured in a locked file or desk drawer?

# Property crimes: Protect yourself and your business

12. Are desks and files locked when office is left unattended?
13. Supervisor in each office been briefed on security problems and procedures?
14. Do all office employees receive some security education?
15. Do office closing procedures require that all high valued items be locked up at night?
16. Is all office equipment permanently identified and registered?
17. Are all computers and other valuable equipment secured with office equipment locks?
18. Office entrance doors kept locked except during business hours?
19. Are security procedures for files containing proprietary information observed?
20. Is proprietary information distributed only on a need-to-know basis?

# Property crimes: Protect yourself and your business

21. Is all confidential material shredded before being placed in the trash?
22. Are all janitorial employees logged in and out?
23. Is petty cash kept to a minimum?
24. Is petty cash stored in an adequate security area?
25. Are blank checks stored in a safe?
26. Is the accounting system adequate to prevent loss or pilferage of funds at all times?
27. ALARM SYSTEM?
28. WELL-MAINTAINED AND FUNCTIONAL VIDEO SYSTEM?

# Property crimes: Protect yourself and your home

1. Street numbers easily visible from the street?
2. Bushes, shrubs, and trees pruned away from sidewalks, driveways, doors, windows, and gates.
3. Ground cover should be small gauge granite rock that makes noise as you walk on it. (River rock is not recommended.)
4. Limited or direct access to yard
5. Gates with working locks?
6. Lighting covers the entire front of the house and all hiding places.
7. Motion sensors? Floodlights?
8. Carport security? Tempting items left out?
9. Jalousies working properly?



# Mahalo nui loa!

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