

**Palasi "Sam" Puleyasi**

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**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

**HAWAII STATE MEDICAL COMMISSION (7/2011 TO PRESENT)**

**Currently serving for the medical board.**

**SENIOR SPECIAL AGENT (RETIRED-01/2005 GS1811-12/13)**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Legacy U.S. Department of Justice

Immigration and Naturalization Service

During my employment as a Senior Special Agent for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, my primary responsibilities included the protection of people and critical infrastructure in the United States. Independently planned, coordinated, and conducted complex criminal and administrative investigations involving violations of Title 8 and 18 United States Code, the Immigration and Nationality Act, other federal violations, program initiatives, and special projects.

Further, I have worked closely with the State of Hawaii government offices such as the Attorney General's Office, HPD, FBI, DEA, ATF, NIS, OIG, Sheriff's Department, Liquor Commission, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor Relations, State Welfare Office, Civil Service Personnel Department, state courts, military personnel, corrections, Maritime, etc. As case agent on numerous successful criminal federal prosecution cases, I have been supervised by now current Hawaii State Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, current U.S. District Court Michael Seabright and Hawaii Circuit Court judges Edward Kubo and Steve Alm. These were some of the leaders who were my former supervisors as Assistant U.S. Attorneys at the time.

All investigative assignments I performed as a Senior Special Agent involved 100% both administrative and field tasks, coordination, preparation, supervision and organization. I have been assigned to work in the various areas of the Investigations Branch, encompassing Employer Sanctions, Criminal Alien Apprehension Program, Fraud Unit, and Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. These investigations included terrorism, fraud, human trafficking, drugs, unauthorized employment, cyber crimes, and other criminal activities that represent a threat to public safety and national security. Accurately and concisely prepared reports of investigation, memorandums, and other written correspondences. I have traveled frequently on the mainland and outside of the United States for undercover details critical to national security.

Further, I have met with representatives of other law enforcement program managers to discuss problems requiring mutual participation and planning, particularly in the areas of construction, personnel and procurement. I have met with various Sectors of the law enforcement communities to gain cooperation in operations and support for objectives. I have supervised, managed and administered the Hawaii INS/ICE during my seventeen year service in the scheduling, deploying field agents and support group, reviewing paperwork and explaining procedures and policy at unit musters. I have also prepared through written memorandums and discussed with superiors matters involving Service operations, etc.

I testified in judicial hearings, before grand juries, and in administrative trial proceedings in matters involving violation of federal criminal and administrative statutes. Conducted legal research involving removal/exclusion cases to assist attorneys in representing the government in court actions. Prepared affidavits for court approved search, seizure, and arrest warrants, and administrative subpoenas and summons. Assisted the U.S. Attorney's Office in the preparation of cases for presentation to federal grand juries and for trials, including the production of evidence under the Rules of Discovery.

Experienced in investigative techniques such as search and seizure, electronic monitoring, surveillance, and informants. Arrested, escorted, and processed criminals and the removal of illegal aliens. Knowledgeable in properly seizing, obtaining, identifying, and inventorying evidence. Prepared requests for document analysis by forensic fingerprints. Prepared exhibits necessary for trial and arrange for testimony by recognized experts. Knowledgeable in the installation and operation of various surveillance equipment, and the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the use of technical surveillance equipment.

I investigated, audited, arrested and prosecuted or fined anyone and or owners of companies for racketeering, corruption, alien smuggling, harboring, discrimination and for violating federal laws pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) and the United States Code. Further, I investigated and presented cases for prosecution regarding people who committed fraud when applying, obtain, possess false immigration documents including citizenship, birth certificates, green cards or lawful permanent residents, employer I-9 application, U.S. passport, and or any documents belong to the United States government under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

#### OTHER SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE:

Knowledgeable in the installation and operation of advanced surveillance equipment. Knowledgeable in the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the use of technical surveillance equipment.

Proficient in conducting searches on various computer databases such as the National Crime Information System (NCIC), Treasury Enforcement Communication System (TECS), immigration databases, and other law enforcement databases.

Supervised and managed on numerous occasions. Instructor and Coordinator for many job related training and seminars pertaining to INA.

I investigated, arrested and processed illegal aliens for deportation purposes. I escorted, detained, interviewed, investigated and made prosecutorial decisions for anyone violating the above laws including prisoners at state and federal prisons, police departments, welfare offices, companies, residential, etc. I testified in both immigration courts and U.S. District Courts. My job also involved numerous traveling both to the mainland, neighbor islands, midway and the continent of the United States included Guam and Saipan.

Between January and September of 1996, I instructed at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center at Charleston, South Carolina providing lessons plans for new hired officers for various positions included Immigration Examiners, Immigration Inspectors, Special Agents, etc. I decided applicants' eligibility during the above training.

I was a designated instructor for the Honolulu Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency providing seminars to all companies statewide, prosecutors' offices, police departments, private sectors and other departments regarding immigration laws and other laws under the United States Code.

I also performed duties as an Immigration Inspector, Immigration Examiner, Asylum Officer, etc.

#### ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) training - 10/04
- Instructor providing lessons plan for the Immigration Special Agent Cross Training
- Program - 09/04
- Immigration Special Agent Cross Training Program – 09/04
- TECS training – 06/04
- Criminal and Civil Forfeiture Training – 04/04
- Special Agent Refresher Training – 03/99
- Advanced Asset Forfeiture Training – 06/98
- Money Laundering/Asset Forfeiture Training – 04/98
- Defensive Tactics Instructor Training – 11/97
- '96 Act Train-The-Trainer – 03/97
- Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRAIRA)
- WROINT Intelligence Training – 01/97
- Introduction to Investigations – 01/97
- Asset Forfeiture Training – 11/96
- Counterfeit Credit Card and Currency Training – 03/96
- Gangs and Organized Crime Investigations – 02/96
- TECS Training – 02/96
- Primary and Ship Inspections; Students; PAU Training – 07/95

- Special Agent Journeymen School – 03/94
- Mental Preparation for Armed Confrontation – 12/93
- US Army Combat Lifesaver Course – 11/93
- Forensic Document Training – 10/93
- INS Form I-9 and Independent Contractor Training – 04/93
- Introduction to Word Perfect – 12/91
- Immigration Act of 1990 (IMMACT 90) Training – 07/91
- Law Enforcement Search and Seizure Workshop – 03/90
- Street Survival Training – 01/90
- Knock and Talk Technique and Officer Survival Training – 11/89
- Employer Sanctions Enforcement Training – 09/88
- Special Agent/Immigration Officer Basic Training Course – 04/88
- Union Steward American Federation Government Employees (AFGE 9/93-1/2005)
- Hiring Panel for Service wide employees (1996)

## **EDUCATION**

### **Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Academy (FLETC 1996).**

Graduated Federal Law Enforcement Instructor/South Carolina Charleston

### **San Jose State University, Master's of Science Program (5/1987)**

Major: Administration of Justice

### **University of San Diego Law School Program (5/1984)**

Major: Litigation

### **Chaminade University of Honolulu (12/83)**

Bachelors of Science Degree

Major: Criminal Justice Administration /Minor: Political Science

### **University of Hawaii (12/83)**

Commissioned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Air Force ROTC

Aerospace/Intelligence

**American Samoa Community College (ASCC/05/82);**

Associate of Arts Degree

**Marist Brother high School**

Graduate: 5/1980

## **RUNNING FOR HAWAII STATE ELECTION**

**CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR STATE OF HAWAII**

**(2014 PRIMARY ELECTION)**

**CANDIDATE FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 40**

**(2012 PRIMARY ELECTION)**

**CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE SENATE SEAT DISTRICT 20**

**(2010 PRIMARY ELECTION)**

## **LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** **CURRENT COMMUNITY LEADER AND ENTERTAINER**

Active Member of the Hawaii Democratic Executive Committee; Active Hawaii Democratic Region Chairman (Oversee, create, promote all activities and support democratic candidates for region 7 and to strengthen Democratic Party); Democratic Vice Chair and Precinct President for district 43/2; Vice President/Board of director for Hawaii Civil Air Patrol ; Active campaign coordinator/entertainer/region chair during 2014 general election supporting David Ige/Shan Tsutsui/Mark Takai/Mazie Hirono/ Brian Schatz and many democratic candidates statewide.; Participated for many political events re: neighborhood board; parades; equality; veterans; disability; DOE; etc.; Hawaii Candidates on Olelo for State Senate and House of Representative ; MC for Kirk Caldwell 2012 Rally Mililani Golf Course; Governor Neil Abercrombie 2010 Rally; US Congresswoman Hanabusa (2012 Election); Tulsi Gabbard Rally Aloha Tower 2012 Election; City Council Ron Menor 2012 Rallies August Arthen; City Council Candidate Vai Sua 2012 Rallies; MC for Candidate Bob Marx 2012 Rally Democratic HQ; MC for Candidate Jake Bradshaw 2012 Rally Kapoei and HQ; MC for Candidate Ed Case 2012 Rally Democratic Headquarters; Entertainer and MC for Laie Events hosted and sponsored by Former NFL Jr. Aiu; Entertainer and MC for Laie Missionaries,

Homeless and senior citizens by Jr. Aiu; Participated in various committee for the Democratic Party including Platform, Rules, Veterans and Affairs, Reapportionment, State and Oahu County conventions, etc.; Participated on 2012; Veteran Debates for House District 40; Coordinated community events and band concerts; Active committee member for Neil Abercrombie's Executive Committee; Active Supporter for Lt. Governor Brian Schatz; Active committee on Hanabusa National TV Commercial; Poll Watcher for the Democratic 2010 Election; Active; Volunteer Committee for Hawaii Rugby Federation Association; Entertainer for;;; Manti Te'o and several NFL selectees; Entertainer for Hawaii Lion's Club;; Entertainer and Master Ceremony for Street Beat Homeless Event ; Entertainer for; Rich Turbin Campaign Events; Entertainer for Neil Abercrombie Rally at Kokohead Elementary; Entertainer for Civil Air Patrol many banquets and events; Entertainer for Samoan Youth Scholarships Annual Ceremonies by Hawaii State Judge; Fa'au'uga To'oto'o; Entertainer/MC for many Filipino events; Entertainer/MC for Homeless Memorial; Filipino/Samoa Disaster Relief fund raise events; Honoring; Military Soldiers died in war; Coach for Children Sports Soccer AYSO; Ancestry Samoan, Filipino, Austria German and linguistic Samoan, Spanish etc.; Entertainer for hospitals and disabled communities; Entertainer and master ceremony for many political and community functions; Senator Akaka Campaign Committee Chairman For Al Harrington Group ; U.S. President Barrack Obama Campaign Committee 2008 Volunteer Committee; Samoan Chiefs and Orators Executive Board Director/Treasurer/Musician; Former Board of Director/Treasurer for Samoan Chief Orators Former Board of Director for Enterprise Development Resource of the Pacific Former Publisher for Lumana'i O Samoa News Paper (1986); Former Editor and Director for International Magazine (1988-present); Presenter for various conferences; Member of the Marist Brother's Old School Boys

## **COLLEGE EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Active Student Government Associations, Senior Senator (CU), Vice President (ASCC), clubs, journalism, political activities. Internships Family Court, San Diego Public Defender Criminal Division, Anthropology Dept., security guard for Freeman, Hayes, Safeguard Service, etc. Hobbies: Music, fishing, trades, etc.