# County of Hawai`i

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 12, 2024

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi Senate President of the Hawai'i State Senate Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

**Dear Senator Kouchi:** 

Pursuant to Chapter 52D-3.5 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, enclosed is the annual report of misconduct incidents that resulted in the suspension or discharge of a police officer of the Hawai'i Police Department for 2023.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker of the House of Representatives Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 431 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

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## Hawai`i Police Department

## **Legislature Disciplinary Report**

Reporting Year: 2023

Reference No.	Summary/Findings	Prosecutor Notified	Disciplinary Action	Status	Ref. No. With Same Officer
2022-003	Alleged Officer failed to record the entire event on BWC, committed a criminal act, and brought the department into disrepute. (Officer Danton Zimmermann)	Yes	5 Days Suspension	р	
2022-004	Alleged officer failed to record the entire event on BWC, violated pursuit policy and was untruthful. (Officer Levi Comilla)	No	12 Days Suspension	P	2022-003
2022-005	Alleged officer failed to activate BWC, violated pursuit policy and was untruthful. (Officer Lauren Pacheco)	No	11 Days Suspension & Disciplinary Transfer	Р	2022-003
2022-106	HPC 22-46: Alleged officers forcibly entered her residence through the front door of her apartment. Second unknown officer used foul language in her presence causing her to feel uncomfortable and uneasy. (Officer Justin Gaspar)	No	3 Days Suspension	*Held in abeyance due to resignation	
2023-005	Alleged officer struck a female while handcuffed and in police custody. (Lawrence Kobayashi)	No	1 Day Suspension	F	
2023-015	Alleged officer failed to comply with evidence procedures. (Det./Sgt. Matthew Kaaihue)	No	2 Days Suspension	Р	
2023-017	Alleged officer failed to comply with report writing procedures. (Officer Michael Rutkowski)	No	4 Days Suspension	Α	
2023-027	Alleged officer committed a criminal act. (Officer Aaron Abalos)	Yes	4 Days Suspension & Discharged	Α	
2023-030	Alleged officer failed to report to scheduled tour of duty and did not notify direct supervisor of his absence. (Lt. Paul Kim)	No	2 Days Suspension	A	
2023-032	Alleged officer brought the department into disrepute by exposing himself in a public area. (Officer Aaron Abalos)	No	1 Day Suspension	A	
2023-066	Alleged officer committed criminal acts of Burglary and assault and in doing so brought himself and the department into disrepute. (Officer Mark Kaili)	Yes	Discharged	Р	

0	Malicious Use of Force	
1	Mistreatment of Prisoners	
0	O Use of Drugs and Narcotics	
0	Cowardice	

## Status:

F = Final