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MEDIA RELEASE

Today, officers from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) arrested Tamila A. Alcoran, 49, after she was indicted by the Oahu grand jury and charged with 311 counts of Identity Theft in the First Degree, Computer Fraud in the First Degree, Theft in the First Degree, Identity Theft in the Second Degree, Theft in the Second Degree, and Forgery in the Second Degree. The case was presented by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Chris Van Marter.

In 2008, Alcoran was hired as the Office Manager of Greg Boyer Hawaiian Landscapes Inc. That same year, Alcoran embarked on a series of sophisticated and prolonged embezzlement schemes against the company. Alcoran used the owner's personal information to obtain numerous fraudulent credit cards, and thereafter used those cards to obtain hundreds of thousands of dollars in merchandise and services. Alcoran then diverted funds from the company bank account to pay off the credit card charges. In addition to the credit card scheme, Alcoran also accessed the owner's online investment account, sold off the stock, and thereafter used the funds for expenses that were of a purely personal nature. Alcoran also forged company checks and used those checks to pay the rent on her Kaneohe residence. Further still, Alcoran forged checks and made them payable to a "dummy corporation" that she created and that "existed only on paper". Further yet, she forged checks and made them payable to herself. Alcoran also forged checks to drain the personal and business equity accounts of the owner and his wife. Lastly, Alcoran applied for about a dozen fraudulent loans using the personal information of the owner, and thereby obtained, and later spent, hundreds of thousands of dollars on expenses that were of a purely personal nature. In all, during the period from 2008 through 2014, Alcoran stole \$1.3 million dollars from the company and the company's owner. As a result, the company went bankrupt, the owner's credit was ruined, and the owner was sued by the lenders when the fraudulent loans weren't repaid.

Prosecuting Attorney Keith Kaneshiro said, "Today's indictment represents one of the worst cases of embezzlement against a small business that's been prosecuted in recent memory. The Prosecutor's Office takes embezzlement cases against small businesses very seriously, especially when the case involves the misuse of technology. In 2012, the Prosecutors Office re-wrote Hawaii's computer crime laws to strengthen the penalties for those who use technology to commit crimes."

If convicted of the computer and identity theft charges, Alcoran faces a twenty-year prison term without the possibility of probation.

Today's indictment was the result of a lengthy investigation conducted by HPD's Financial Crimes Detail.