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HONOLULU – The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney submitted a motion today seeking to dismiss charges against United States Surgeon General Jerome Adams and his aide, Dennis Anderson-Villaluz, for allegedly violating the City and County of Honolulu’s Act Now Honolulu – No Social Gatherings emergency order in August 2020.

“A prosecutor’s paramount goal is to do justice. After a careful review of the facts and law in this case, I have determined that further prosecution of this matter would not achieve that goal,” said Prosecuting Attorney Steve Alm. “This office’s resources are better spent prosecuting other offenses, including serious violations of the Mayor’s emergency orders that pose a real threat to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic,” Alm said.

Surgeon General Adams and his aide traveled to Hawai‘i last August to assist the State with its COVID-19 surge testing efforts. They allegedly entered Kualoa Regional Park to take photos while the park was closed under the Mayor’s emergency order.

The Department’s motion to dismiss the charges against Surgeon General Adams and Mr. Anderson-Villaluz is pending before the First Circuit Court.

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