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HONOLULU – Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Steve Alm is warning the public about a man who has allegedly gone on a sexual assault spree in Downtown Honolulu. Randy Jacob, 37, has been arrested 6 times since March 3, 2021. In 4 of those incidents, he is alleged to have groped women’s breasts and buttocks without their consent. In the fifth incident, he is alleged to have grabbed a woman by the arm and attempted to pull her close to him. These incidents occurred in the area between Longs on Bishop Street and the Frank F. Fasi Municipal Building. His sixth arrest was for an alleged theft from a store on Fort Street Mall. Jacob has been arrested and charged as follows:

- Arrested on March 3, 2021 and charged with one count of Theft in the Fourth Degree
- Arrested on March 5, 2021 and charged with one count of Harassment
- Arrested on March 8, 2021 and charged with one count of Sex Assault 4
- Arrested on March 11, 2021 and charged with one count of Sex Assault 4
- Arrested on March 13, 2021 and charged with one count of Sex Assault 4
- Arrested on March 16, 2021 and facing one count of Sex Assault 4

Each time Jacob appeared in court for these arrests, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney strenuously argued for him to be held in custody or committed to mental health treatment. On August 27, 2020, however, the Hawaii Supreme Court had issued its *Order Re: Petty Misdemeanor, Misdemeanor, and Felony Defendants* regarding the holding of suspects in custody. Pursuant to that Order, the District Court Judges have released Jacob following each of his arrests as Sexual Assault in the Fourth Degree is not one of the offenses excluded from the Order.

“It is imperative that people like Jacob be held in custody or committed to mental health treatment, whichever is appropriate, in order to protect the public,” Alm said. “I am calling upon the Supreme Court to amend the Order so innocent people are not re-victimized while their charges are pending,” he continued. “To achieve that, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney will be filing a Motion with the Supreme Court to amend the Order,” Alm said.

“In the meantime, law enforcement will be stepping up patrols, and people should exercise caution in the Downtown Honolulu area and be aware of their surroundings,” he said.

Jacob is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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