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HONOLULU – This morning, a Honolulu District Court judge committed Randy Jacob, 37, to the custody of the Director of the State of Hawai'i Department of Health for evaluation of his mental fitness to proceed in three pending Sex Assault 4 cases against him. Jacob is alleged to have gone on a sexual assault spree in the Downtown Honolulu area beginning in early March.

Prior to this morning's hearing, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney filed a motion to have Jacob committed for a mental fitness evaluation. Both the public defender representing Jacob and the State Attorney General's office agreed that Jacob should remain in custody for such an evaluation. Judge William M. Domingo found that there was reason to doubt Jacob's fitness to proceed to trial and ordered him immediately transferred to the custody of the Department of Health. He will be held without bail.

Jacob will remain in Department of Health custody at least until his next court date, which has been set for April 21, 2021. While in the Department of Health's custody, a probation officer from the Adult Client Services Branch will obtain all of Jacob's relevant medical, social, and legal records and make them available to a Department of Health examiner. The examiner will evaluate Jacob and his records and present a report to the District Court as to whether he is mentally fit to proceed with his trials.

Honolulu Prosecutor Steve Alm hailed the ruling. "We are pleased that the public defender, the State Attorney General's office, and ultimately the Court, agreed that Jacob is in need of a mental fitness evaluation," he said. "Jacob's commitment to the Department of Health ensures that he remains off Honolulu's streets and that he receives the necessary evaluation to determine whether he is competent to stand trial on these sexual assault charges," Alm said.

Jacob has been arrested 7 times since March 3, 2021. In 5 of those incidents, he is alleged to have groped women's breasts and buttocks without their consent. In the sixth 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 seventh 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 10, 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 charged with one count of Sex Assault 4

Jacob is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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