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KPD removes structure known as "Pine Tree Inn"

LĪHU'E – Kaua'i Police Chief Darryl Perry reported that the structure known as "Pine Tree Inn," located in Nāwiliwili, was dismantled by members of the Kaua'i Police Department early this morning.

"For the past 3 years, over 40 investigations were conducted by KPD at 'Pine Tree Inn'," Chief Perry stated, "these investigations involved illegal drugs, illegal gambling, nuisance complaints, harassment, family abuse, delinquent minors, and crimes of violence related to assaults and fights which resulted in the arrest of 11 people."

According to Perry, the businesses adjacent to this unpermitted structure have expressed safety concerns and are fearful for their customers and employees because of the blatant and continuous criminal activity that takes place during all hours of the day and night.

"Our primary concern is for the safety of our citizens and visitors and I feel that crime prevention through environmental design with the removal of this structure will make for a safer community," Chief Perry said.

Other recent reports in the Nāwiliwili area included assault and robbery of a visitor of his wallet in April, a fight in July involving an estimated 20 males whereby a 33-year-old man suffered a dislocated jaw and others sustain numerous injuries, another visitor was allegedly robbed at gunpoint, and on July 21, Mr. John Krause was arrested for robbery of a male visitor.

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