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TO: Media Outlets
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RE: **Leaders Promote Public Safety with Community Town Hall Meetings**

Līhu'e - The public will have the opportunity to address public safety questions and concerns with community leaders from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, the Kaua'i Police Department (KPD), and the County Council's Chair of Public Safety at a series of public meetings in July.

Previously, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office held *Pono Kaulike* ("Equal Rights and Justice for All") meetings, KPD participated in drug forums and Councilmember Rapozo did town hall meetings individually at various neighborhood centers across the island which were well-received by residents.

"This is the first time leaders from the Prosecutor's Office, KPD, and the County Council will met all together with the public in a town hall meeting format," said Kaua'i County Councilman Mel Rapozo, Public Safety Chair.

The meetings will take place in Kīlauea, Kōloa, Kekaha, Līhu'e, Waimea, and Kapa'a.

"There is no better way to get input from the community than to go out to them with town hall meetings," Rapozo said.

"Different communities seem to voice different public safety concerns," explained Kaua'i Prosecuting Attorney Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho. "On the North Shore, for instance, we hear a lot of about home invasions and car break-ins, while on the West Side, residents fear the escalation of the use of illegal prescription drugs and crystal meth. "

"It's good to have representatives from all three departments together," said Iseri-Carvalho. "This allows the public to grasp and understand the different roles each agency plays in public safety and who is better equipped to tackle their specific issues. Otherwise, questions can sometimes get passed over because the right person is not there to answer them."

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“This way, if there is a question for the police, they are there to answer it, and if it is a question better addressed by the prosecutor’s office then we are there to provide an answer,” she said, “and the county council has a representative present who can address questions or concerns about funding and legislation.”

“The Kauai Police Department is looking forward to these town hall meetings,” Police Chief Darryl Perry said, “because it affords an opportunity to interact, engage, and explain what we are doing as a police department in keeping our communities safe.”

The meetings will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 7:30 pm on the following days:

- Tuesday, July 10, 2012 Kīlauea Neighborhood Center
- Thursday, July 12, 2012 Kōloa Neighborhood Center
- Monday July 23, 2012 Kekaha Neighborhood Center
- Tuesday July 24, 2012 Līhu‘e Neighborhood Center
- Thursday, July 26, 2012 Waimea Neighborhood Center
- Friday, July 27, 2012 Kapa‘a Neighborhood Center

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. If you need assistance or an auxiliary aid such as an interpreter or materials in an alternate format in order to participate, contact Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Charles Foster at (808) 241-1729 or cfoster@kauai.gov.

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