



FEBRUARY 2025

PUNA NEWSLETTER

Hawai'i County Police Department

Happy Valentine's Day!



ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is written by your Community Policing team (Officers Cardines, Lunsford, Sato and Scanlan). It is intended for public consumption & is our way of sharing information, educating on crime trends, & spotlighting community events within the Puna District. Please pass it along to anyone who may have an interest in this. Also, if you would like to see something added to our newsletter, let us know, & we may incorporate it next time.

Monthly Review

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- **RESOURCE GUIDE**



JANUARY REPORTED CRIMES



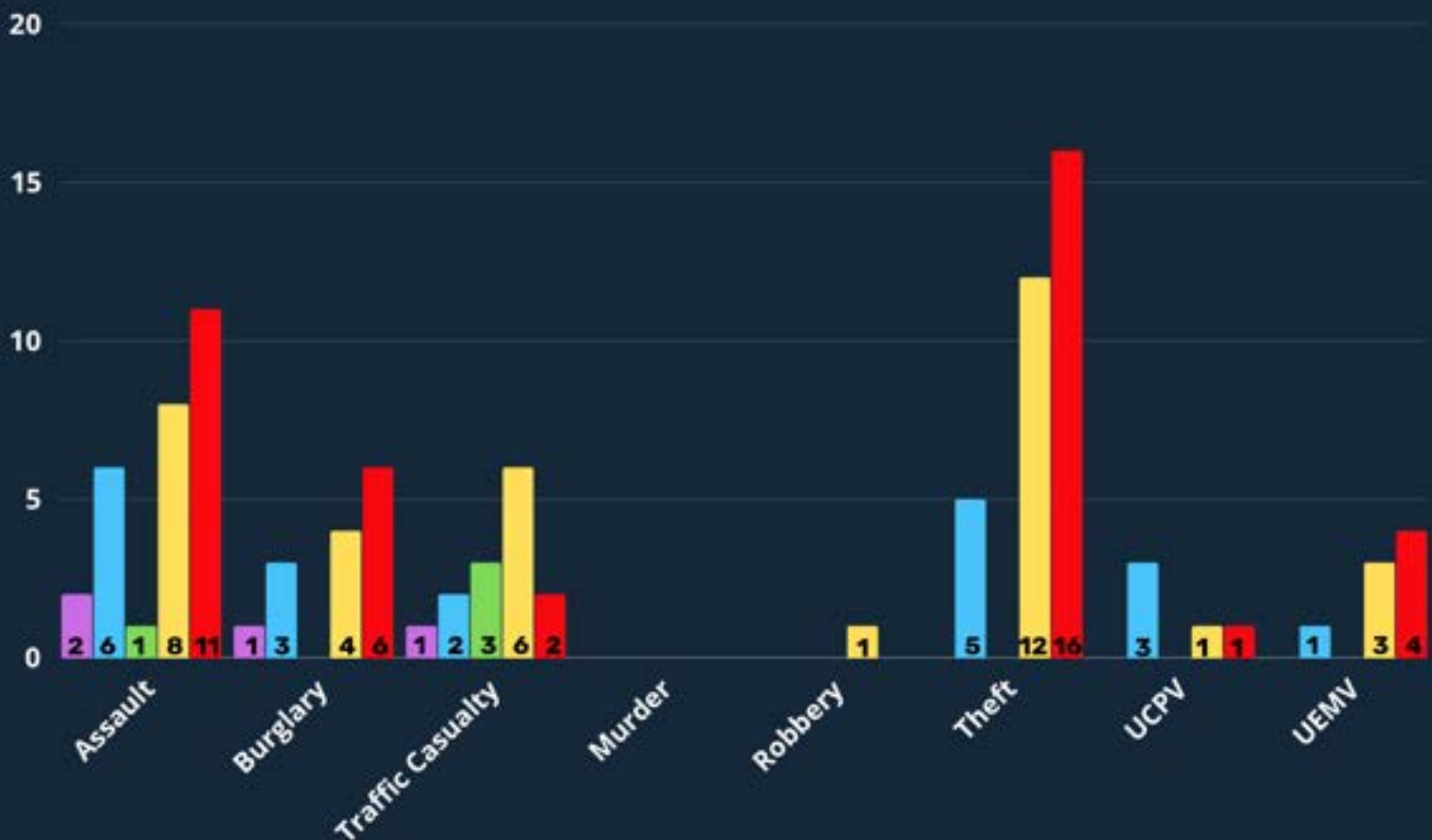
VOLCANO

MT.VIEW

KURTISTOWN

KEA'AU

PĀHOA



- **Assault:** When a person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to another or negligently with a dangerous instrument.
- **Burglary:** Intentionally & unlawfully entering & remaining in a building with intent to commit a crime against person or property.
- **CPD:** Criminal Property Damage; unlawful damaging of another's property; vandalism.
- **Robbery:** If in the course of committing theft or non-consensual taking of a motor vehicle the person uses force.
- **Theft:** When a person obtains or exerts control over property of another with intent to deprive the other person of their property.
- **UCPV:** Unauthorized Control of Propelled vehicle; auto theft.
- **UEMV:** Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle; car break-in.

JANUARY CRIME STATS

VOLCANO

Assault- 2

Hoonanea Street
Alii Kane Street

Burglary- 1

Kilinoe Street

Major TC- 1

Haunani Road & Volcano Road

KURTISTOWN

Assault- 1

Volcano Road; 7 Eleven Kurtistown

Major TC- 3

Waiu Place
Volcano Road; Kurtistown Cafe
Ualani Road & Volcano Road

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Assault- 6

Opeapea Road
Plumeria Street
Kahaualea Road
Oahu Street
Haumalu Street
Volcano Road; Mt. View Post Office

Burglary- 3

Mokihana Street
Wailele Street
Oahu Street

Major TC- 2

Moho Road (2x)

UEMV- 1

Wailele Street

UCPV- 3

Ohialani Road
Hibiscus Place
Oahu Street

Theft- 5

Palainui Avenue
Moho Road
Mailenani Road (2x)
Uau Road (Road 5 Between B & C)

JANUARY CRIME STATS

KEA'AU

Assault- 8

13th Avenue
37th Avenue
34th Avenue
Pohaku Circle
Keaau High School (2x)
Volcano Road & Kipimana Street
Paahana Street

Burglary- 4

13th Avenue
10th Avenue
34th Avenue
Keaau Pahoa Road

Major TC- 6

Paradise Drive & 27th Avenue
Volcano Road & Keaau Pahoa Road
Volcano Road & Kipimana Street
Keaau Pahoa Road & Paradise Drive
Keaau Pahoa Road; Longs Drugs
Kaloli Drive

Robbery- 1

13th Avenue

UEMV- 3

40th Avenue
Mikahala Street
Keaau Pahoa Road

Theft- 12

23rd Avenue
Beach Road
24th Avenue
Melia Street
30th Avenue
3rd Avenue
Orchidland Drive; Minit Stop
Old Volcano Road; Foodland Keaau (2x)
Old Volcano Road; 7 Eleven Keaau (2x)
Old Volcano Road; HFS FCU Keaau

UCPV- 1

26th Avenue

JANUARY CRIME STATS

PĀHOA

Assault- 11

Kalapana Kapoho Beach Road
Pahoa Village Road; Paul's Repair Service
Kauai Road
Tangerine Drive
Papaya Farm Road
Pahoa Village Road
Forrest Road
Lehua Road
Kahakai Boulevard
Pahoa Village Road; Puna Kai Center
Pahoa Village Road; Boogie Woogie Pizza

Burglary- 6

Lunahele Road
Kawakawa Street
Kauhale Street
Kahakai Boulevard
Pahoa Village Road; Synergy Hair Salon
Pikake Drive

Major TC- 2

Highway 137, Mile Marker 19
Keaau Pahoa Road; Fronting Pahoa Police Station

UCPV- 1

Pahoa Village Road

UEMV- 4

Kalapana Kapoho Beach Road
Lunahele Road
Pahoa Village Road, Puna Kai Center
Pahoa Village Road, Napa

Thefts- 16

Kaluahine Street
Pahoa Village Road
Kumakahi Street
Kamaili Road (2x)
Woodrose Way
Mapuana Avenue
Keaau Pahoa Road & Pahoa Kapoho Road
Kehau Road
Mauna Kea Drive
Pahoa Village Road; Malama Market
Puna Road
Akule Street
Kahakai Boulevard; Long Drugs (2x)
Pahoa Kalapana Road; Pahoa Public Library

NOISY DOG



check list

☐ **Step 1** - is there a problem?

- Is the dog barking continuously for 10 minutes?
- Or is the dog barking intermittently for 20 minutes within a 30 minute period?

☐ **Step 2** - Make sure the dog is not just reacting to external stimulus such as a person walking by, or another animal that causes the dog to bark?

☐ **Step 3** - Notified the dog owner by letter, email or in person?

- Make sure to document attempts and be prepared to provide proof to officers upon request.

☐ **Step 4** - Call the police using the non-emergency line (808) 935-3311

Barking is a dog's form of communication, and it's completely normal dog behavior. However, when a dog barks excessively, it becomes an annoyance and can be against the law.

What Constitutes A Noisy Dog?

Hawaii County Code [Section 4-24](#) defines a noisy dog as: Without provocation:

- A dog barking continuously for 10 minutes or
- A dog barking intermittently for 20 minutes within a 30 minute period.

There are a few permitted exceptions to this including "any legitimate cause which teased or provoked the dog." This means if the dog is barking because of a nearby cat, a person walking by the house, or another stimulus of this nature, the barking is not considered a violation of the law as written.

What should I do to address this issue?

Hawaii County Code [section 4-25](#) requires any person disturbed by a noisy dog to make reasonable attempts to advise the owner or custodian of the dog of the problem.

Reasonable attempts include in person, by letter, or by e-mail.

In our experience, if this step is done with respect, often the owner will address the barking dog issue, and no further steps are necessary.

What if the dog continues to bark?

If the dog continues to bark despite your efforts, call the Hawaii Police Department Non-emergency phone at [\(808\) 935-3311](#), and an officer can meet with you. Be prepared to provide proof of your efforts to contact the owner.



BICYCLE LAWS AND SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS



Registration

- A bicycle must be registered (\$15.00 fee) by the buyer within 10 days of purchase. If a person sells their bicycle, they should file a Bicycle Notice of Transfer with the Department of Finance - Vehicle Registration and Licensing Division

Lights

- A bicycle must have a white front light, a red rear reflector, and side reflective material, if riding between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise. Additional lights are allowed, as long as the front light is white and rear or side lights are red/amber.

Riding on Sidewalks

- A bicycle can be ridden on a sidewalk in non-business districts if the speed is under 10 mph and the cyclist yields to all pedestrians.
- Riding on sidewalks is more dangerous than riding on the road, and increases the chances of a collision with an automobile.

Riding Single File

- Hawai'i law requires cyclists to ride single file on roadways. This doesn't apply to shoulders, bike lanes, multi-use paths, where cyclists can ride two abreast, as long as it is safe.

Riding on Shoulders and in Bike Lanes

- Cyclists should always ride as far to the right as practicable, and on shoulders and in bike lanes. Cyclists can ride on the roadway when passing, changing lanes, riding at same speed as traffic, avoiding hazards or obstacles.

Helmets

- Although helmets are not required for cyclists over 16, they are strongly recommended, since they reduce the risk of head injury during a fall or crash by 85 percent.

Cyclists are required to follow all applicable driving laws and regulations in the State of Hawai'i.

- Always ride single file on all roadways - HRS 291C-145(b)
- Cyclists must follow all traffic rules and regulations - HRS 291C-142
- "Vulnerable User" Definition - HRS 707-700
- Three-foot Passing Law - HRS 291C-145(b)



**"In a traffic accident, whether right or wrong, a cyclist
hardly ever wins."**

-Franz Weber, Bicycling Safety Advocate and Founder of Paying It Forward Hawaii

WANTED



James SMITH



Benny GORDON



Kade KAPIKA-
OVERTURE



Kealiiokekai KAMANU



Jason (Pena) MITCHELL



Keanu KRAUSE



Christopher MATTOS



Kawai POMROY
(Escapee)



Clyde LOA
(Escapee)

Please do not attempt to contact any wanted person as they may be armed and/or dangerous. If you have information regarding the whereabouts of any listed individual please call police.



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US LETTER

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hear from
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For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

For non-life-threatening emergencies, call (808) 935-3311.

For the Fire Department, call (808) 961-8336.



PROPER 911 USE

Learn when and how to use 911 for emergencies to ensure a quick and effective response.



POLICE DIRECTORY

Access contact information for HPD departments, stations, and specialized units.



CRIME STOPPERS

Submit anonymous tips about crimes or suspicious activity to help keep our community safe.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Report stray or dangerous animals, access lost-and-found services, or learn about licensing and care.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Find support, counseling, and emergency resources for victims of domestic violence.



KULEANA HOTLINE

Share non-emergency community concerns confidentially to improve neighborhood safety.



REPORT AN UNSAFE DRIVER

Notify authorities about reckless, impaired, or dangerous driving behavior.



GET A COPY OF A POLICE REPORT

Request copies of police reports for legal, personal, or insurance purposes.



SUBMIT A TIP ABOUT AN UNSOLVED CASE

Provide confidential information to assist investigations.