

NOTICE TO REQUESTER

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DATES THAT THE RECORD REQUEST WAS RECEIVED BY AGENCY: 01/14/26 and 01/16/26

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: March 5, 2026

GOVERNMENT RECORDS YOU REQUESTED (attach copy of request or provide brief description below):

1. See attached emails dated January 14 and 16, 2026.

THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR RECORD REQUEST:

Will be granted in its entirety.

Cannot be granted. Agency is unable to disclose the requested records for the following reason:

Agency does not maintain the records. (HRS § 92F-3)
Other agency that is believed to maintain records:

Agency needs further clarification or description of the records requested. Please contact the agency and provide the following information:

Request requires agency to create a summary or compilation from records, but requested information is not readily retrievable. (HRS § 92F-11(c))

Will be granted in part and denied in part, **OR** Is denied in its entirety

Although the agency maintains the requested records, it is not disclosing all or part of them based on the exemptions provided in HRS § 92F-13 and/or § 92F-22 or other laws cited below.

(Describe the portions of records that the agency will not disclose.)

RECORDS OR
INFORMATION WITHHELD

HPD-195 form for
Detective Travis T. Kurahone

APPLICABLE
STATUTES

Memo from HPC to Officer

Commission's Decision

AGENCY
JUSTIFICATION

provided with redactions

provided with redactions

1-21-26 Commission meeting link for decision:

https://www.youtube.com/live/45r_xjxa8Jo
[1:31:15 start]

REQUESTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

You are required to (1) pay any lawful fees and costs assessed; (2) make any necessary arrangements with the agency to inspect, copy or receive copies as instructed below; and (3) provide the agency any additional information requested. **For questions about this notice or the records being sought, please ask the agency's contact person named at the top of this form.** Also, please submit your payment, if any, to the agency at the address listed at the top of this form. **DO NOT SEND YOUR PAYMENT** to the Office of Information Practices (OIP) unless you are requesting records directly from OIP.

If you do not comply with the requirements set forth in this notice within 20 business days after the postmark date of this notice or the date the agency makes the records available, you will be presumed to have abandoned your request and the agency shall have no further duty to process your request. Once the agency begins to process your request, you may be liable for any fees and costs incurred. If you wish to cancel or modify your request, you must advise the agency upon receipt of this notice.

Please note that the Office of Information Practices (OIP) does not maintain the records of other agencies, and a requester must seek records directly from the agency it believes maintains the records. If the agency denies or fails to respond to your written request for records or if you have other questions regarding compliance with the UIPA, then you may contact OIP at (808) 586-1400, oiip@hawaii.gov, or 250 South Hotel Street, Suite 107, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813.

METHOD & TIMING OF DISCLOSURE:

Records available for public access in their entireties must be disclosed within a reasonable time, not to exceed 10 business days from the date the request was received, or after receipt of any prepayment required. Records not available in their entireties must be disclosed within 5 business days after this notice or after receipt of any prepayment required. HAR § 2-71-13(c). If incremental disclosure is authorized by HAR § 2-71-15, the first increment must be disclosed within 5 business days of this notice or after receipt of any prepayment required.

Method of Disclosure:

- Inspection at the following location:
- As requested, a copy of the record(s) will be provided in the following manner:
 - Available for pick-up at the following location:
 - Will be mailed to you.
 - Will be transmitted to you by other means requested:

Timing of Disclosure: All records, or the first increment if applicable, will be made available or provided to you:

- On _____, 20____.
- After prepayment of 50% of fees and 100% of costs, as estimated below.

For incremental disclosures, each subsequent increment will be disclosed within 20 business days after:

- The prior increment (if one prepayment of fees is required and received), or
- Receipt of each incremental prepayment, if prepayment for each increment is required.

Records will be disclosed in increments because the records are voluminous and the following extenuating circumstances exist:

- Agency must consult with another person to determine whether the record is exempt from disclosure under HRS chapter 92F.
- Request requires extensive agency efforts to search, review, or segregate the records or otherwise prepare the records for inspection or copying.
- Agency requires additional time to respond to the request in order to avoid an unreasonable interference with its other statutory duties and functions.
- A natural disaster or other situation beyond agency's control prevents agency from responding to the request within 10 business days.

ESTIMATED FEES & COSTS AND PAYMENT:

FEES: For personal record requests under Part III of chapter 92F, HRS, the agency may charge you for its costs only, and fee waivers do not apply.

For public record requests under Part II of chapter 92F, HRS, the agency is authorized to charge you fees to search for, review, and segregate your request (even if a record is subsequently found to not exist or will not be disclosed in its entirety). The agency must waive the first \$30 in fees assessed for general requesters, OR in the alternative, the first \$60 in fees when the agency finds that the request is made in the public interest. Only one waiver is provided for each request. See HAR §§ 2-71-19, -31 and -32.

COSTS: For either personal or public record requests, the agency may charge you for the costs of copying and delivering records in response to your request, and other lawful fees and costs.

PREPAYMENT: The agency may require prepayment of 50% of the total estimated fees and 100% of the total estimated costs prior to processing your request. If a prepayment is required, the agency may wait to start any search for or review of the records until the prepayment is received by the agency. Additionally, if you have outstanding fees or costs from previous requests, including abandoned requests, the agency may require prepayment of 100% of the unpaid balance from prior requests before it begins any search or review for the records you are now seeking.

The following is an itemization of what you must pay, based on the estimated fees and costs that the agency will charge you and the applicable waiver amount that will be deducted:

For public record requests only:

Fees: Search	Estimate of time to be spent: ___ hours (\$2.50 for each 15-minute period)	\$ -0-
Review & segregation	Estimate of time to be spent: ___ hours (\$5.00 for each 15-minute period)	\$ -0-
Fees waived	<input type="checkbox"/> general (\$30), OR <input type="checkbox"/> public interest (\$60) <\$ ___> (Only one waiver per request)	
Other	Click or tap here to enter text. (Pursuant to HAR §§ 2-71-19 & 2-71-31)	\$ -0-
Total Estimated Fees:		\$ -0-

For public or personal record requests:

Costs: Copying	Estimate of # of pages to be copied: _____ (@ \$ ___ per page, pursuant to HRS § 92-21)	\$ -0-
Delivery	Postage	\$ -0-
Other	Click or tap here to enter text.	\$
Total Estimated Costs:		\$ -0-

TOTAL ESTIMATED FEES AND COSTS from above: **\$ -0-**

The estimated fees and costs above are for the first incremental disclosure only. Additional fees and costs, and no further fee waivers, will apply to future incremental disclosures.

PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED (50% of fees + 100% of costs, as estimated above) \$

UNPAID BALANCE FROM PRIOR REQUESTS (100% must be paid before work begins) \$

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AT THIS TIME **\$ -0-**

Payment may be made by: cash
 personal check payable to: Click or tap here to enter text.
 other

Submit your payment to the agency at the address listed at the beginning of this form, including the name of the agency's contact person.

HPD - Notification of Criminal Proc/Cvl Action/Lgl Counsel

Request # [REDACTED]

Department: POLICE

Date: 09/03/2025

Employee: KURAHONE, TRAVIS T

Phone: [REDACTED]

Unit: Criminal Investigation Division

TO: COMMANDER, PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OFFICE

Subject: Notification of Criminal Proceeding / Civil Action
 Request For Legal Counsel

On 09/03/2025 I was notified/served for my on-duty involvement under Police Report Number(s): none

In accordance with Policy 5.02, Notification of Criminal Proceeding / Civil Action and Transmittal of Legal Papers, this is to notify you that I was involved in a criminal proceeding or I was served with a notice of civil action, which is related to my actions and involvement as indicated below (check applicable section).

CRIMINAL PROCEEDING: Attached are copies of all court documents related to the proceeding.

- Arrested for a criminal offense.
- Convicted of a criminal offense.
- Entered a guilty or no contest plea in a criminal offense.
- Other dispositions (e.g. Found not guilty, dismissal of case, or mistrial): non criminal
- Indicted or otherwise charged for a criminal offense.
- Sentenced for a criminal offense.

CIVIL ACTION: Attached is a copy of the notification of the civil action.

- Served with an order to show cause.
- Served with a complaint and summons.
- Served with a temporary restraining order.
- Served with another form of legal civil process.
Please name the city, and officer, or employee.

Brief Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

Due in the Professional Standards Office no later than 48 hours after being served.

Received

[REDACTED]
Commander, Professional Standards Office or designee

09/04/2025
Date

POLICE COMMISSION
KOMIKINA MAKA I O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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RICK BLANGIARDI
MAYOR
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OUR REFERENCE JKSY-JS
CERTIFIED MAIL [REDACTED]

November 21, 2025

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TO: DETECTIVE TRAVIS T. KURAHONE
HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

FROM: JAMES K. S. YUEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR LEGAL COUNSEL - CIVIL NO. 1CCV-24-0001785, KELSEY C. MESSMER VS. CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU; JUSTIN P. CASTRO; TRAVIS KURAHONE; JOHN AND/OR JANE DOES 1-10

The Honolulu Police Commission (Commission) is in receipt of your request for legal counsel made pursuant to HRS §§ 52D-8 and 52D-9, dated September 3, 2025.

Please take notice that the Commission will hold a contested case hearing regarding your request for legal counsel in relation to Civil No. 1CCV-24-0001785, Kelsey C. Messmer vs. City and County of Honolulu; Justin P. Castro; Travis Kurahone; John and/or Jane Does, 1-10.

In connection with the above-mentioned, notice is hereby given that of the following:

1. **The contested case hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.** or immediately after the conclusion of the Commission's regular meeting, held at the Honolulu Police Department, Alapa'i Station, Community Affairs Division Conference Room, located on the first floor, 801 South Beretania Street.
2. The hearing is to be held under the authority of Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §91-9 through §91-13.

3. HRS §52D-8

Whenever a police officer is prosecuted for a crime or sued in a civil action for acts done in the performance of the officer's duty as a police officer, the police officer shall be represented and defended:

- (1) In criminal proceedings by an attorney to be employed and paid by the county in which the officer is serving; and
 - (2) In civil cases by the corporation counsel or county attorney of the county in which the police officer is serving.
4. The issue to be addressed at the hearing is whether you are being sued for the performance of your duty as a police officer in the case entitled Civil No. 1CCV-24-0001785, Kelsey C. Messmer vs. City and County of Honolulu; Justin P. Castro; Travis Kurahone; John and/or Jane Does, 1-10.
 5. As the police officer requesting representation, you have the burden of proof, including the burden of producing evidence and the burden of persuasion by a preponderance of the evidence. City & County of Honolulu v. Honolulu Police Comm'n, SCWC-20-0000776, 2023 Haw. LEXIS 52, *18-19 (Mar. 7, 2023).
 6. The Commission is required to examine the entire record before it, to determine whether an officer is entitled to representation, including reports regarding the incident, various sections of the HPD Standards of Conduct, pertinent case law, the criminal indictment, and other information that may be available.
 7. The Commission may use Honolulu Police Commission Rule 11 as an aid in determining whether you are being prosecuted for a crime done in the performance of your duty as a police officer.
 8. **Failure to attend the hearing or to contact the Commission prior to the hearing date shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a contested case hearing and the Commission may make its determination without such hearing.**

Please be advised that contested case hearing is held pursuant to HRS §52D-8 are open to the public. Contested case hearings may be closed if the party seeking closure establishes, by clear and convincing evidence, that:

1. Closure would service "compelling interest";
2. There is substantial probability that, in the absence of closure, this compelling interest would be harmed; and
3. There are no alternatives to closure that would adequately protect the compelling interest.

Oahu Publications, Inc. v. Ahn, 133 Hawaii 482, 331 P. 3d 460 (2014).

Any request for a closed hearing will be considered at the beginning of the contested case hearing.

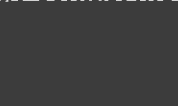
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You may retain counsel at your own expense to represent you at the hearing. After the hearing concludes, the Commission will issue written findings of fact and conclusions of law. You may appeal the Commission's decision to the Circuit Court. You have the right to present evidence, including documents or witnesses, and argument on all issues involved. The following is a current list of records and documents before the Commission, copies of which are available for you or your counsel at the Honolulu Police Commission office located at 1060 Richards Street, Suite 170, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813:



If you plan to submit or present any additional materials for the hearing, please submit them to our office by December 12, 2025. If you fail to provide such materials in a timely manner to this office, you may be barred from using them in the hearing.

As a reminder, Commission staff is not allowed to give legal advice, recommend specific action, interpret legal terminology, or encourage or discourage litigation. If you have any questions concerning the contested case hearing, you may contact me at (808) 723-7581.



JAMES K. S. YUEN
Executive Officer

c: Members of the Honolulu Police Commission