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May 24, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, President and Members State Senate Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker and Members State House of Representatives Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: Report of Security Breach Pursuant to Chapter 487N, Hawaii Revised Statutes

Dear President Mercado Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members:

Pursuant to Honolulu Revised Statues Section 487N-4, Reporting Requirements, the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department (HPD), is providing this report of a security breach affecting 3,500 users who had signed up for the HPD Alert System. The HPD was notified of this breach on May 5, 2013.

This alert system was on the HPD's public Web site, <u>www.honolulupd.org</u>, which is hosted on an external provider, Network Solutions.

On Sunday, May 5, 2013, the HPD was notified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of a possible breach of the HPD Web site. A list of HPD e-mail addresses and passwords were posted on the Internet. HPD personnel immediately took steps to change the passwords and checked for any changes to the pages. None were found at that time.

On Monday, May 6, 2013, HPD personnel continued to investigate and found that 31 names, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and passwords from subscribers to the HPD Alert System

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were posted on the Internet by what appeared to be a hacker group, X-Blackerz Inc. The HPD verified that the information posted came from a database on <u>www.honolulupd.org</u>. The HPD sent out a media alert and notifications of the breach via e-mail to all subscribers that afternoon (see attachment). Additionally, an Unauthorized Computer Access case was initiated under the HPD report number 13-164967.

The HPD has taken steps to prevent this from happening in the future. The database of personally identifiable information was removed from the Web site. The database containing the Web site information was encrypted. This breach did not involve any City and County of Honolulu or HPD networks or servers. We will continue to monitor this matter and will forward any pertinent updates.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please have a member of your staff call Major Aaron Correia of our Information Technology Division at 723-3125.

Sincerely,

LOUIS M. KEA Chief of Police

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