
Sex offender in jail again

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A convicted sex offender released in February after 20 years in prison is behind bars again -- this time for 30 days.

Police arrested Lawrence Larry Abiley, 47, on Oct. 26 on suspicion of harassment and trespassing.

Deputy Prosecutor Michael Kest said Abiley went into a shop on Kinoole Street about a week before his arrest. Kest said the shop is frequented by young people and asked that it not be identified.

Kest said Abiley approached an 11-year-old boy in the store and touched his hand. The boy's mother had gone to an establishment next door to use a restroom.

Kest said Abiley then asked the boy if he loved him and blew kisses toward him. The boy became scared, moved toward the door of the shop and was able to get Abiley to leave.

Under questioning from police Detective Lorenzo Artienda, Abiley said he was only trying to show "love and aloha" toward the boy, according to Kest. Police charged Abiley with harassment and trespassing.

District Judge Barbara Takase found him guilty on both counts Wednesday after a bench trial. She handed down the maximum sentence of 30 days on the harassment conviction. Abiley was fined \$500 for the trespassing count, which carries a maximum penalty of \$1,000.

Abiley was arrested in Hilo in 1987 for four counts of first-degree sexual assault and sentenced to 20 years in 1988. He was denied parole and served the entire 20 years of his sentence.

Police had their eye on Abiley soon after his release, Kest said.

"This guy's bad news, He got out of prison for first-degree sexual assault -- basically rape -- and the first complaint about him came in about two months later," he said.

Police are currently investigating other allegations against Abiley that have been made since his release.

Anyone with information about crimes against children should call the police department's Juvenile Aid Section at 961-2277 in Hilo or in 326-4646, ext. 302.

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" Lawrence seems to not be able to "control" himself. He's the perfect example as to why sex offenders should not be allowed back into society. Is he even registered? "

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" He'll probably do the same when his 30 days are up. How about publishing a photo of this guy so the public knows what he looks like? "

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" give him a job with the county planning dept. "