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Maui Police Officer arrested after being indicted of civil rights deprivation, falsifying reports

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HONOLULU (KHON2) — Acting U.S. Attorney Kenneth M. Sorenson announced that 40-year-old Carlos Frate, a former Maui Police Officer, was arrested today after a federal grand jury indicted him of deprivation of civil rights and falsifying a police report on Jan. 16.

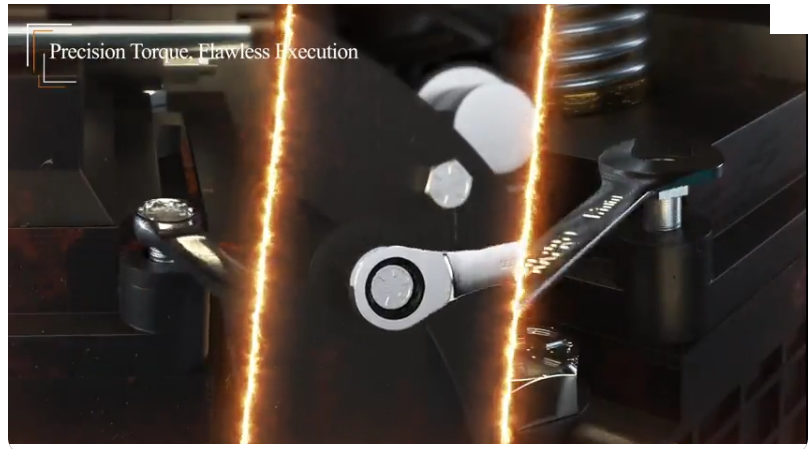
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The indictment alleged that Frate, who had been with the department for 14 years, deprived another



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The indictment also alleged that Frate falsified a police incident report with the intention to obstruct the investigation on his alleged use of force.

Frate was terminated from the department earlier this year.

“We hold ourselves to the highest standards of accountability and transparency,” said Chief of Police John Pelletier. “When our officers fall short of these standards, we must address those failures with impartiality and integrity. This referral underscores our commitment to ensuring justice and maintaining public trust.”

If convicted, Frate could face up to 10 years in prison for the deprivation of civil rights charge, and up to 20 years for falsifying the report.

The Maui Police Department referred the case to the federal government, and the charges are the result of an investigation by the FBI and MPD.

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“Our community deserves accountability,” Pelletier said. “We are taking deliberate steps to reinforce our commitment to fair and equitable law enforcement practices, ensuring that every individual’s rights are upheld.”

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