

QUARTERLY REPORT ON ACTIONS
AGAINST UNLICENSED ACTIVITY
(April to June 2020)

The Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) is a statewide agency of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. It is the enforcement arm for the various professions and vocations that are licensed in the State. RICO investigates allegations of professional misconduct by licensees and also investigates possible unlicensed activity that may be occurring in the State. The following is a list of recent unlicensed activity actions. Additional information, including information about disciplinary actions taken against licensees, is available at cca.hawaii.gov/rico.

<u>DEFENDANT</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brian M. Tavares, Suzanna K. Tavares, and Brian M. Tavares and Suzanna K. Tavares, dba Viking Services of Hawaii	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance and \$1,000.00 administrative assessment	5-4-20

Respondents entered into an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, agreed to pay an administrative assessment and agreed to not operate as a guard agency or principal guard, as defined under HRS §§ 463-1 and 463-7 without possessing the appropriate license.

Robert Dittrich and Beachfront Travel Inc., dba TBD Rentals and The Vacation Rental Experts	\$7,500.00 civil penalty, permanent injunction and consent judgment	5-12-20
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The Court ordered Respondents to cease all travel agency activities until Respondents obtain the appropriate registration under HRS Chapter 468L.

Jim A. Jones and Building 808 LLC	\$7,500.00 civil penalty, permanent injunction and consent judgment	5-12-20
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The Court ordered Respondents to cease all contracting activities until Respondents obtain the appropriate license under HRS Chapter 444.

Nai'a Nui Rentals LLC	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance and \$5,000.00 administrative assessment	5-27-20
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Respondent entered into an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, agreed to pay an administrative assessment and agreed to comply with the statutes and rules governing real estate brokers and

salespersons in the State of Hawaii.

Niethammer Family LLC, dba King Auto Center	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance and \$2,500.00 administrative assessment.	6-9-20
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Respondent entered into an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, agreed to pay an administrative assessment and agreed to refrain from offering or furnishing services requiring a license under HRS chapter 437 without possessing the appropriate license.

James Thomas Mah	\$5,000.00 civil penalty, permanent injunction and consent judgment	6-16-20
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The Court ordered Respondent to cease engaging in contracting and plumbing activities until Respondents obtain the appropriate licenses under HRS Chapters 444 and 448E.

770 Kinoole Auto Care, Inc.	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance and \$500.00 civil penalty	6-18-20
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Respondent entered into an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance and agreed to pay a civil fine for engaging in the practice of motor vehicle repair without possessing the appropriate license.

Michael A. Butcher	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance and \$500.00 civil penalty	6-19-20
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Respondent entered into an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, agreed to pay an administrative assessment and agreed to abide by the requirements of the statutes and rules governing the licensure of certified public accountants in the State of Hawaii.

Juan Acosta, dba IUAN Renovations	\$1,500.00 civil penalty, permanent injunction and consent judgment	6-19-20
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The Court enjoined Respondent from engaging in all contracting activities until Respondent obtains the appropriate license under HRS Chapter 444.

Benjamin Scott Kahiona, dba KNA Construction and Painting, Inc. \$1,000.00 civil penalty, permanent injunction and consent judgment 6-24-20

The Court ordered Respondent to cease all contracting activities until Respondent obtains the appropriate license under HRS Chapter 444.

Alyssa N. Ahngasuk \$250.00 civil penalty, permanent injunction and consent judgment 6-26-20

The Court ordered Respondent to be enjoined from engaging in the business of a beauty operator until Respondent obtains the appropriate license under HRS Chapter 439.