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Aloha Chief Logan:

On the evening of Wednesday, September 7, 2022, sometime after 9:00 p.m., various first responder units from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), Honolulu Fire Department, Honolulu Emergency Services Department and possibly others responded to a 911 call that a male individual had been shot in the torso and groin area near a homeless encampment at One'ula Beach Park. I was present at the scene of this incident and I have since learned from community members the male victim (who goes by the name of "Felix") falsely informed authorities about his injuries which were instead self-sustained while clearing kiawe shrubs and trees with a hammer.

I am writing to request the HPD working with the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney's Office to pursue criminal penalties for false reporting to law enforcement authorities, which I understand is punishable as a misdemeanor. My concern is that due to one person's alleged false report, law enforcement resources were wasted and more specifically directed away from the legitimate needs of others in the community of 'Ewa Beach and elsewhere in the City and County of Honolulu.

I would appreciate your effort to investigate this matter and determine the most appropriate action that can be taken by HPD. I believe swift action is necessary to deter others from giving false reports to law enforcement officials. It is my plan to release a copy of this letter to the media on Friday, September 16, 2022. For this reason, your response as to any action HPD plans to pursue would be appreciated prior to Friday.

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Thank you for your attention to my request. if you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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