



NOTICE TO KKH HOUSING **RESIDENTS**

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As residents of KKH housing, I need to inform you of several incidents that have transpired over the last few weeks involving suspected contraband in housing.

On the evening of 12 March 2004, a vehicle attempted to enter Phase I housing. One of the passengers had previously been banned from entering all military installations in Hawaii, including Coast Guard housing. The gate guard recognized the individual, and contacted the housing OOD for assistance. The OOD quickly relayed the report to the Fort Shafter Military Police (MP), who responded to the scene and began questioning the individuals. During the questioning, the MPs smelled marijuana odor in the vehicle and began a search of the vehicles contents. The MPs discovered numerous items within the vehicle that appeared to be burned down marijuana joints. The individuals were subsequently arrested by the Military Police.

Over the past few weeks, we have received numerous verbal reports of children smoking what appeared to be marijuana in the housing areas (i.e. at the ballpark at the top of Icarus Way and behind the Bunker). On 17 March 2004, the housing OOD confronted numerous dependent children after witnessing their suspicious activity near the Country Store parking lot. On 18 March, we received a report that implicated two dependent children of being in possession of marijuana. After discussing this issue with the parents involved, the parents consented to a search of their quarters by the Military Police. Following a comprehensive search by the military police with the assistance of canine units, no contraband was discovered at either quarters units.

In addition to the above incidents, the Red Hill pool bathhouse was vandalized when the roofing tiles were removed and thrown into the pool, as well as holes being burnt in the windscreen surrounding the kiddy pool. Other recently reported acts of vandalism include: painting graffiti on the back walls of the Country Store and Community Center, tearing lanai screens of vacant units and entering the units to smoke cigarettes, and breaking off the newly installed basketball rim at the basketball court on Icarus Way.

While I applaud the quick response of the parents involved, taking immediate and appropriate action when confronted by allegations of drug use by their dependents, I am also asking for your help. As the Area Housing Authority, I am responsible for the maintenance and security of family housing, but it is you, the parents, that are responsible for the actions of your family members. Illegal drugs have no place in family housing, and anyone caught with illegal drugs in housing runs the risk of eviction for their entire family. It is the Coast Guard's policy, and one I fully support, to ensure that our families have a safe and healthy environment to live. Please continue to be diligent in watching over your children, and report any suspicious activity you believe endangers the safety or health of any resident to the Fort Shafter Military Police immediately.

In addition to calling the Fort Shafter Military Police (438-7114), please notify Irene Lance (831-2763, ILance@D14.uscg.mil) or Nanette Baker (831-2766), so we can continue to monitor the KKH housing area and keep you informed, if necessary.

Lastly, as a result of these incidents, and in order to better maintain control of vehicles/personnel accessing KKH, effective immediately, anyone under the age of 18 years old is prohibited from sponsoring another individual onto the housing areas. This applies to both non-DOD/CG "walk-on" visitors and vehicles.