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Aloha!

This newsletter is being distributed at the request of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

We recently learned that someone is falsely claiming to be an Ombudsman on Oahu and on Maui.

Anyone claiming to be an ombudsman from the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program has been certified by their office and must wear their official ID. Nearly all Ombudsmen also wear an orange polo as seen in the picture below.



Do not let anyone enter your facility in without an official ID and please notify the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program immediately so they can alert the police and Attorney General's Office. If possible, take a picture of the person and/or the license plate of their car.

When an ombudsman leaves the program, they must return the shirt and badge so it doesn't get misused by someone else.

When in doubt please call John G. McDermott's cell phone at 808-892-9306 anytime to

confirm the name of an Ombudsman.

Current Full-Time Ombudsmen by Island

Entire State: John G. McDermott

Oahu – Jan Mori Maui – Kristell Corpuz Hawaii (Big Island) – Wesley Tanigawa

There are also volunteer ombudsmen on every island.

Please contact Ombudsman with any further questions.

Mahalo



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