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**CONFERENCE PROVIDES SENIORS WITH ADVICE ON
PROTECTING AGAINST FRAUD**

HONOLULU – The State Executive Office on Aging and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Hawai'i, in collaboration with the City and County of Honolulu's Elderly Affairs Division, are sponsoring "PROTECT, DETECT, REPORT," a Hawai'i anti-fraud conference on Saturday, April 25, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Hawai'i Convention Center.

The conference will provide tips to PROTECT elders from fraud; information about how to DETECT different types of fraud; and advice on how and to whom to REPORT fraud. Participants include several state, county and federal agencies, as well as community organizations. Funding for the conference is provided by the U.S. Administration on Aging.

The exploitation of seniors in fraudulent healthcare and financial schemes will be the focus of the conference. Featured keynote speakers are Mary Twomey, Co-director of the Center of Excellence in Elder Abuse and Neglect at the University of California at Irvine, and Dr. Kimo Alameda, Director of the Office of Multicultural Services, Adult Mental Health Division, Hawai'i State Department of Health.

Conference registration cost is \$10 for seniors (60 years of age and over) and \$30 for non-seniors. Program and registration information is available at:

- State Executive Office on Aging (ph: 586-0100)
- City & County Elderly Affairs Division (Senior Helpline: 768-7700)
- Senior Centers (for locations call 586-7291 or toll free 1-800-296-9422)

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Conference provides seniors with advice on protecting against fraud

- Community Parks (for locations call 768-7700)
- Online: <http://hawaii.gov/health/eoa/> and www.elderlyaffairs.com

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