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## Statement regarding U.S. Department of Justice press release

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii** (Nov. 13, 2019) — In a <u>press release</u> today, the U.S. Department of Justice announced that a former U.S. Army Hawaii range director pleaded guilty to conspiracy, Tuesday.

Mr. Vic Garo pleaded guilty to a "two-count information charging him with one count of conspiracy to commit bribery and one count of illegally transporting firearms across state lines," according to the Dept. of Justice. Sentencing is scheduled for March 2020. Garo served as a supervisory range officer for the U.S. Army Hawaii Range Division at Schofield Barracks from January 2002-March 2019.

U.S. Army Hawaii is committed to upholding the highest ethical standards and fully supports the thorough investigation and prosecution of suspected cases of fraud, waste or abuse.

We continue to emphasize to our personnel that, as federal employees, they play a critical role in ensuring the legal, ethical and appropriate use of resources entrusted to us. If at any time they suspect wrongdoing, they are urged to contact authorities.

U.S. Army Hawaii will continue to support the efforts of the Army Criminal Investigation Command, the U.S. Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the FBI, and the Justice Department in this matter.

Questions regarding this case should be directed to the Department of Justice.