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FIVE MEN ARRESTED IN PROSTITUTION STING

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- Kava Isaako (44)
- Kevin Decanto (44)
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Police arrested five men during an undercover sting operation to crack down on prostitution.

Rather than targeting the prostitutes or pimps, this time police targeted the customers, otherwise known as "johns."

At the corner of North Kukui and Aala, you'll always find a lot of cars, pedestrians, and according to residents, you'll also find prostitutes.

"The makai corner is the busiest corner. Well, just prostitution, constant, constant," said Chinatown resident Kino.

"They're all around here on Kukui Street," said Liana Benn, Royal Kitchen manager.

And all the way down Kukui to the Pali Highway, near Longs Drugs, and People's Café.

"Sometimes business too affected, people scared to come and eat, that's the main concern I have," said People's Café owner Tomas Ventura.

On Wednesday during lunchtime, three female police officers posed as prostitutes, and stood at the corner of North Kukui and Aala, and on the sidewalk in front of Pali Longs.

It was part of a sting operation targeting johns.

Police say the undercover officers got a lot of inquiries, but they only arrested the guys if they offered to pay money for sex.

Police say five men took the bait.

43-year old Glenn Agcaoili, 44-year old Kava Isaako, 44-year old Kevin DeCanto, 72-year old Tavita Kava, and Bradley Macloves -- who turned 25 on Wednesday -- were arrested for street solicitation.

"I think it's great, it shows both sides, if there's a demand if we get rid of the demand, then we get rid of the supply," said Benn.

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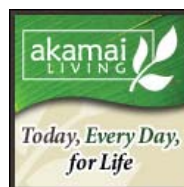
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Police say they try to do these types of stings at least once a month as part of the Weed and Seed program -- to clean up the area.

Residents and business owners applaud police efforts, but say more needs to be done.

"I wish their presence were here more day and night," said Kino.

"We want this to be a friendly family oriented neighborhood versus one where people dread to come down just to buy their manapuas," said Benn.

The five men arrested for street solicitation were all charged, with bail set at a thousand dollars.

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