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KPD to host National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday

LĪHU'E – The Kaua'i Police Department (KPD), in partnership with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), is collecting unused, unwanted, or expired medications for National Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, at KPD headquarters located at 3990 Ka'ana Street, in Līhu'e.

The collection will consist of a drive-thru drop-off service in the breezeway at the parking lot roundabout.

Tablets, capsules, liquids, and other forms of medication – prescription or nonprescription – including patches, will be accepted. New or used needles and syringes will not be accepted.

This service is free and anonymous, and no questions will be asked.

The event is part of a national initiative coordinated by the DEA, which focuses on providing a safe, convenient, and responsible method of disposing medications, while also educating the community about the potential for abuse and consequences of improper storage and disposal.

Expired medication should not be discarded in the trash or flushed down the toilet. Improperly disposed of prescription drugs have the potential to enter the water supply and harm aquatic life.

Expired medication can also contribute to misuse or abuse of the drug. Most people who misused a prescription medication obtained it from a family member or friend, according to a report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Anyone who is not able to participate in this National Drug Take Back Day can visit KPD headquarters at any time and anonymously drop off any unused or expired medication via the permanently installed medication drop boxes.

For more information on the National Drug Take Back Initiative, please visit the DEA's website at www.dea.gov, or contact KPD Investigative Services Bureau Assistant Chief Bryson Ponce at 808-241-1681.

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