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**STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES COORDINATE TO
REMOVE CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN WHITMORE, OAHU**

HONOLULU - The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) and a joint law enforcement team yesterday conducted a coordinated sweep of a vacant agricultural parcel near Whitmore Village in Central Oahu that has been a hotbed for criminal activity.

The 230-acre parcel has been a troubled area for ADC, law enforcement, and the Whitmore and Poamoho community for years. During the enforcement action, ADC issued 11 trespass warnings and three of the individuals were arrested for outstanding warrants as well as new charges.

The enforcement action was coordinated by the joint law enforcement team, the State Attorney General's office, the Governor's office, State Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Honolulu City Councilwoman Heidi Tsuneyoshi, and ADC.

The ADC will be ramping up its efforts immediately to secure and prepare the lands for agricultural production by hiring around-the-clock security and clearing the brush, trash, and abandoned vehicles. The ADC anticipates the land will be ready for farming by summer 2020.

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