

Name of agency/organization: Hawaii County Police

Contact person/phone/email: Act. Capt. Haituka [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

1. In your experience, how prevalent is the issue of squatting and adverse possession?

In Kona District, I have not heard of any instances of squatters in the past year or two. There used to be quite a few bank foreclosures at one time with squatters taking advantage of empty houses, but not in recent memory.

2. In what communities and districts do squatting and adverse possession appear most prominent?

Unknown

3. When you receive notice or a complaint about these situations, what is your normal course of action?

On duty patrol officer would be assigned to meet with the reporting party and to see if ownership of property can be established. If owner is unknown, there is not much that can be done at that time to remove the alleged squatter. If owner of property is known and clearly established, officer may stand by while property owner asks the squatter to leave.

4. What kinds of complications have arisen in the past that have prevented a successful resolution of the situation?

Not aware of complications other than mentioned above regarding establishing ownership of property.

5. For those situations that have been successfully resolved, please describe what happened.

Squatter left without incident; property owner satisfied.

6. What happens when you contact or try to contact the owner of record?

Do not have any direct experience/ unable to answer

7. What solutions would you recommend?

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8. Are there any other comments you would like to make?

NONE