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INSTANCE OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS



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This report is submitted in accordance with Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding the maintenance of records and instance of usage of electric guns.

Act 148, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, authorized the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) the ability to possess electric guns while continuing efforts toward accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies by June 30, 2018.

While policy consultation remains on-going, DOCARE is preparing to field the Taser Conductive Electric Weapons by providing current training to its Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers. DOCARE is also providing training to renew the Division's Taser Instructor qualifications for its training staff. Lastly, DOCARE is also reviewing current Taser equipment to ensure readiness of use once fielded. DOCARE expects to issue and field the weapons to its officers in the near future.

Consequently, the Department of Land and Natural Resources reports no instances of the use of electric guns.