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NO. 25729

IN THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

STATE OF HAWAI'I, Plaintiff-Appellee, v. JASMINE KAHEPUU, Defendant-Appellant

APPEAL FROM THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIFTH CIRCUIT (FC-CR. NO. 02-1-0231)

SUMMARY DISPOSITION ORDER

(By: Watanabe, Acting C.J., Lim and Fujise, JJ.)

Jasmine Kahepuu (Kahepuu) appeals the March 10, 2003 judgment of the family court of the fifth circuit, the Honorable Calvin K. Murashige, judge presiding, that convicted her of abuse of a family or household member, a violation of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 709-906(1) (Supp. 2001). Kahepuu contends the family court erred in finding her guilty, because her use of force was justified as "parental discipline." After a diligent review of the record and the briefs submitted by the parties, and giving careful consideration to the arguments advanced and the issues raised by the parties, we disagree with Kahepuu, and affirm.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, August 6, 2004.

On the briefs:

Acting Chief Judge

Jon N. Ikenaga, Deputy Public Defender, State of Hawai'i, for defendant-appellant.

Associate Judge

Tracy Murakami,
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney,
County of Kauai, for
plaintiff-appellee.

Associate Judge