

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

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STATE OF HAWAI'I, Plaintiff-Appellant,

vs.

BURT T. KETCHUM, Defendant-Appellee,

and

DONNA MAE WRIGHT, Defendant.

NO. 23745

APPEAL FROM THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT
(CR. NO. 00-1-0237)

NOVEMBER 9, 2001

MOON, C.J., LEVINSON, NAKAYAMA, JJ;
WITH ACOBA, J., CONCURRING SEPARATELY AND DISSENTING,
AND WITH WHOM RAMIL, J., JOINS

OPINION OF THE COURT BY LEVINSON, J.

The plaintiff-appellant State of Hawai'i [hereinafter, the "prosecution"] appeals from the findings of fact (FOFs), conclusions of law (COLs), and order of the first circuit court, the Honorable Russell Blair presiding, granting the defendant-appellee Burt T. Ketchum's motion to suppress. On appeal, the prosecution asserts that the circuit court erred in suppressing Ketchum's responses, on three separate occasions, to Honolulu Police Department (HPD) officers' questions regarding his residential address; in each instance, he indicated that his

address was 91-467B Fort Weaver Road. Specifically, the prosecution contends that COL Nos. 5 through 9¹ are wrong and, therefore, that the circuit court erroneously concluded that the officers had subjected Ketchum to "custodial interrogation," on two of the occasions, without first informing him, inter alia, of his constitutional right against self-incrimination and, on the third occasion, in disregard of Ketchum's invocation of his constitutional right to remain silent. We disagree and, accordingly, affirm the circuit court's order granting Ketchum's motion to suppress.

I. BACKGROUND

At approximately 7:00 a.m. on January 26, 2000, a team of law enforcement officers from three different HPD divisions executed a search warrant upon a residence located at 91-467B Fort Weaver Road.² The team included approximately forty "Specialized Services Division" (SSD) officers, between twelve and fifteen "Narcotics-Vice Division" (NVD) officers, and approximately eight officers from the "Crime Reduction Unit" (CRU). Prior to executing the warrant, the officers were briefed; the SSD officers, in particular, were informed that they would be "raid[ing]" a residence and that the object of the raid was to find drug contraband.

¹ We quote COLs Nos. 5 through 9 infra in section III.

² The record reflects that the search warrant authorized a search of both the "two bedroom residence located at 91-467 B Fort Weaver Road" and "the person of . . . Donna Mae Wright." The object of the search was to obtain evidence of Wright's alleged drug dealing. The search warrant expressly named only Wright and did not name Ketchum. Wright is not a party to this appeal.

SSD Officer Alan Masaki's assignment, as a member of the SSD "entry team,"³ was to enter the residence and "secure" the occupants. The entry team knocked on the residence's front door, announced their office and purpose, and, receiving no response from anyone within, forced open the front door. Of the nine members of the "entry team" who initially entered the residence, Officer Masaki was "in position number four." Officer Masaki testified at the suppression hearing that he was the first officer to enter the master bedroom [hereinafter, "Bedroom 1"], in which he "located" Ketchum and codefendant Donna Mae Wright "on the bed."⁴ He "secured" Ketchum and Wright and, although Ketchum was not immediately handcuffed, Officer Masaki acknowledged at the suppression hearing that Ketchum, nonetheless, was "detained" and "not free to leave."

"[A]bout a minute or so" after entering the bedroom, Officer Masaki asked Ketchum for his "personal information,"

³ Of the forty SSD officers assigned to the "raid" team, twenty were assigned to an "entry team" -- of which nine made the initial entry into the residence -- and twenty were assigned to secure the perimeter of the residence.

⁴ In his "Follow Up Report," attached as "Exhibit A" to the prosecution's memorandum in opposition to Ketchum's motion to sever his trial from Wright's, Officer Masaki described his encounter with Ketchum and Wright as follows:

I proceeded into the residence and turned left into the first bedroom. The door was in the open position and I immediately encountered two adults lying on the bed. I stated Police, we have a search warrant. I then instructed them to show me their hands and they complied without incident.

Another officer's follow-up report included a diagram of the two bedroom apartment. This diagram depicted the front door as opening directly into a living room, with an opening to the kitchen (located across the living room opposite the front door) in the opposite living room wall. Bedrooms 1 and 2 were separated by a bathroom, the doors to all three opening into a slight recess at the left side of the living room. The right wall of Bedroom 1 was partially shared by the left wall of the living room, the remainder of Bedroom 1's right wall forming an outside wall that stood directly to the left of the apartment's front door, outside of which the nine entry officers gathered before forcibly opening the front door.

including his residential address;⁵ Ketchum replied in relevant part that he resided at 91-467B Fort Weaver Road. Ketchum was not handcuffed at the time Officer Masaki requested his address. As noted supra in note 4, it appears, however, that Officer Masaki, before asking Ketchum for his personal information, had ordered Ketchum and Wright to "show [him] their hands," an order they both "complied [with] without incident." Officer Masaki did not "advise [Ketchum] of his constitutional rights" before questioning Ketchum, and the record contains no indication that he did so at any point during their encounter.

According to Officer Masaki, his purpose in asking Ketchum to provide his address was to include it in a "follow-up report to identify the occupant that I located."⁶ At the suppression hearing, Officer Masaki asserted that obtaining such personal information was "normal procedure" and that, while the personal information he obtained from Ketchum was also obtained for "booking purposes" at the time an arrestee is formally "booked," he did not obtain Ketchum's address for booking purposes.

Officer Masaki also testified that he was aware, due to his training as a police officer, that establishing Ketchum's address as the same as that where drug contraband was found would assist in prosecuting him for constructive possession of any drug contraband subsequently discovered in the residence. However,

⁵ Officer Masaki testified at the suppression hearing that the information he obtained from Ketchum consisted of "[j]ust his personal information regarding his name, date of birth, Social Security number, address[,] height, [and] weight."

⁶ Officer Masaki's "Follow Up Report," see supra note 4, indeed includes, under the subheading "Occupants Identified," Ketchum's name, age, Social Security number, date of birth, height, weight, and address, as well as Ketchum's phone number and the color of his eyes and hair. The report does not, however, indicate how Officer Masaki obtained this information.

Officer Masaki denied questioning Ketchum "in any way about this particular investigation." Officer Masaki's encounter with Ketchum lasted only "a few minutes," which ended when he "turned [Ketchum and Wright] over," "without any incident," to the NVD officers.

Meanwhile, the remainder of the "entry team" had "secured" the other occupants of the residence. In a second bedroom [hereinafter, "Bedroom 2"], officers located two of Wright's teenage sons and her teenage daughter and, in the living room, Wright's third son, also a teenager. According to HPD Officer George Flores,⁷ who prepared an affidavit that the prosecution submitted to the circuit court in connection with the preliminary hearing conducted in this matter, "[e]veryone within the residence w[as] detained." Once the SSD officers gave an "all clear sign," the occupants were "turned over" to the NVD officers.⁸

Within approximately ten minutes of his encounter with Officer Masaki, Ketchum was photographed in Bedroom 1 and escorted, together with the other occupants of the residence, to a "central location" -- in this case, the residence's garage. At some point during this time frame, an officer "flex handcuffed" Ketchum "with plastic ties."

NVD Detective Robert Towne's assignment was to "supervise the men assigned to do what we call the booking,"

⁷ Officer Flores was assigned to "oversee" the execution of the search warrant. He had obtained the search warrant, and it appears that he was a member of the initial entry team. Officer Flores did not testify at the suppression hearing.

⁸ Officer Flores's police report, attached as "Exhibit A" to Ketchum's motion for a bill of particulars or, in the alternative, to dismiss, reflects that at "about" 6:49 a.m. the officers "executed the search warrant" and that they "secured" the "scene . . . at about" 6:55 a.m., which was then "turned over" to the NVD officers "at about" 6:57 a.m. Officer Flores served the warrant upon Wright "at approximately" 6:50 a.m.

which occurred in the garage. Detective Towne testified at the suppression hearing that, once the SSD entry team indicated that "all [is] clear," the occupants were photographed where they were found within the residence and then moved to the garage so that they could be "booked."⁹ He first encountered Ketchum, already "flex handcuffed," in the garage. At the suppression hearing, Detective Towne testified that, while he recalled assigning an officer the task of "booking" Ketchum in the garage, he did not specifically recall the officer's identity. Detective Towne acknowledged that, at the time Ketchum was in the garage, he was in "custody" and "not free to leave."

As for obtaining Ketchum's address as part of the "field booking" process, Detective Towne asserted that the information appearing on the "booking sheet" -- a preprinted HPD form that, generally, an arresting officer completes by hand in the field and that contains an arrestee's "personal information," including his or her address -- assisted in "identifying the person" and was helpful in the event that it became subsequently necessary to serve a summons upon or otherwise contact the arrestee. However, Detective Towne acknowledged that, as a result of his training as a police officer, he was aware of the concept of "constructive possession" and that, in this case,

⁹ Detective Towne's "Follow Up Report," attached as "Exhibit A" to the prosecution's memorandum in opposition to Ketchum's motion to suppress, stated that he "waited until the all clear sign was given by the Special Services Division before entering the home." In his report, he further asserted, under the heading "Persons Detained," that,

[a]fter being given the all clear sign by the Special Services Division, the location of all persons within the house were noted down by Officer Gabur and then escorted from the house to the open garage area where information such as their name date of birth etc. was obtained.

(Internal capitalization omitted.) Detective Towne's report also indicates that "[a]rrest and [w]arrant checks were also performed at this time."

establishing Ketchum's address as that at which drug contraband was found would assist in prosecuting him. The record fails to reflect, inter alia, that an officer advised Ketchum of his right against self-incrimination at any time before or during the field booking process.

HPD Officer Michael Kaya¹⁰ first encountered Ketchum in

¹⁰ In its proffer at the suppression hearing regarding Officer Kaya's testimony, the prosecution asserted that he was "the arresting officer." However, the record reflects some confusion with respect to the particular officer who formally "arrested" Ketchum. Officer Flores's affidavit, see supra at 5, asserted that he "placed . . . under arrest" Ketchum, Wright, and Wright's two eldest sons. And, at the preliminary hearing, Officer Flores testified that he had formally arrested Ketchum, Wright, and Wright's two eldest sons:

Q. Based on what was found within . . . bedroom [1] were [Ketchum and Wright] eventually placed under arrest?

A. Yes, they were.

. . . .

Q. And after they were placed under arrest, specifically talking about Mr. Ketchum, did you obtain general information from him[,] such as date of birth, residence[,] that type of thing?

A. Yes.

Q. And as far as his residence, where did he tell you he resided at?

A. Information was given that he resided at the address, 91-467 Bravo, Fort Weaver Road.

Officer Flores clarified, however, that he was not the officer who had flex handcuffed Ketchum:

Q. Officer, did you arrest Mr. Ketchum?

A. I was the arresting officer.

Q. So, you're the person who puts on the cuffs and so forth?

A. No, I wasn't the person who put on the cuffs.

Q. Okay, who did that?

A. I'm not sure at this time.

Officer Flores further clarified that he was not the officer who had actually questioned Ketchum regarding Ketchum's personal information and that it was HPD Officer Itomura who first informed him that Ketchum had stated that his address was 91-467B Fort Weaver Road. As to when and by whom Ketchum was handcuffed, Officer Flores could be no more precise than to acknowledge that, at some point, "officers were directed to put the cuffs on." Officer Flores's police report, see supra note 8, also asserts that he "arrested" Ketchum, Wright, and Wright's two eldest sons "[b]ased on the observations of" officers who conducted the search and located drug contraband in both Bedrooms 1 and 2. However, the testimony adduced at the suppression hearing is silent with regard to when and by whom Ketchum was formally arrested.

the garage, at which time an officer handed him a "booking sheet" that contained the "pertinent information from the arrested individual," including Ketchum's residential address. Officer Kaya testified that Ketchum was, at the time he encountered him, "under arrest." Officer Kaya transported Ketchum to the Pearl City Police Station. Officer Kaya testified that the "booking sheet" is a form that officers use in the field at the time they arrest a suspect in order to facilitate the formal booking process that occurs later at the police station. He affirmed that the "booking sheet" is "used in all cases involving arrestees[.]"¹¹

¹¹ The circuit court examined Officer Kaya with regard to the "field booking procedure" as follows:

THE COURT: Normally[,] who fills out the booking sheet, is it the arresting officer or is it somebody other than the arresting officer?

[OFFICER KAYA]: Sir, it could go either way. If there's an arresting officer, sometimes they'll do it. If there's another person available, which on that day there w[ere] numerous people, numerous officers around, they may assist him by filling it out for him.

THE COURT: So any officer on the scene with the information might fill out the booking [sheet]?

[OFFICER KAYA]: Yes. It's -- it's kind of a fill in the blank worksheet, so to speak, just to make sure we have all the necessary information.

THE COURT: So that's handwritten and then when you get back to the Pearl City station or whatever station, that's handed over to the person who is manning the booking station?

[OFFICER KAYA]: Yes.

THE COURT: And they take that handwritten information and type it up?

[OFFICER KAYA]: Yes.

THE COURT: In the booking procedure, have you ever been assigned, by the way, to do a booking?

[OFFICER KAYA]: Yes, while I was at the receiving desk.

THE COURT: Okay. Do you get the information, when you're doing a booking, a defendant comes in, do you just take the information off the booking sheet or do you [t]ry to confirm that with the defendant at the time of the booking or --

[OFFICER KAYA]: You usually take it right off of the booking [sheet] unless there's any information that's contradictory, missing, or if maybe there's some information right on the computer[, such as that] the individual's been

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Detective Towne confirmed that, in a raid such as that conducted in the present case, officers on the scene complete a "booking sheet" with regard to each arrestee. As a general matter, Detective Towne asserted that, when the police conduct a drug raid, anyone located within the building is not allowed to leave because they are "suspects" regarding either actual or constructive possession of drug contraband. Detective Towne further explained that, as a general practice, if an individual is located in a room in which drugs are subsequently found, then the individual is arrested "regardless if that's where he [or she] lives or not." However, if no incriminating evidence is discovered in the same room as a "visitor," then "we will release [the visitor] as soon as possible."¹²

¹¹(...continued)

arrested previously, it may. But in most cases you just [take the information] right off of the booking sheet.

THE COURT: So that the data for booking is actually acquired in the field rather than at the booking desk?

[OFFICER KAYA]: Yes, it is.

¹² Specifically, Detective Towne testified, under cross-examination by Ketchum's counsel, as follows:

A. Our -- our general practice would be, say if he's found in what we designate as Bedroom 1, if we find evidence in Bedroom 1 he'll be arrested.

Q. Okay.

A. Regardless if that's where he lives or not.

Q. Okay. And that's because he's found in Bedroom 1?

A. Correct.

Q. Now, if you were to go in and you determine that somebody was a mere visitor --

A. Correct.

Q. -- isn't there a chance that you could say, he, you can -- you can leave to that person?

A. Yeah. Say we go in there and Jane Doe is a visitor, she's, say, she's in the living room and there's nothing incriminating, no evidence in the living room, we will release her as soon as possible.

Q. Okay. But in this situation, Burt Ketchum is in the bedroom where drugs are found, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. So you didn't release him; correct?

A. Detective Itomura could probably answer that question a little better than I could.

After supervising the field booking process in the garage, Detective Towne entered the residence and assisted other officers in searching Bedroom 1. In searching an "[a]rmoire" drawer, Detective Towne found various items of alleged drug paraphernalia, which were, together with other items that HPD Officer Donald Marumoto located in Bedroom 1 between approximately 7:10 a.m. and 7:40 a.m., the items that predicated Ketchum's prosecution in the present matter.¹³

NVD Detective Renold Itomura was the "case supervisor." His task was to "oversee the [execution of the] warrant, the booking process, . . . the arrest, and the collection of evidence." Approximately thirteen hours after the raid, Detective Itomura sought to interview Ketchum, who had remained in custody since his arrest at the police station. Detective Itomura advised Ketchum, inter alia, of his constitutional rights to remain silent and to have an attorney present during any

¹³ Officer Flores's police report, see supra note 8, and Detective Towne's report, see supra note 9, reflect that, at approximately 8:10 a.m., Detective Towne found a black leather purse, inside of which were two glass pipes with a cloth pouch; each pipe contained a whitish residue. Also inside the purse were seven small clear plastic bags, five of which contained a whitish residue, and a "small coin type purse." The black purse also contained two lighters and a "metal scraper type rod."

HPD Officer Donald Marumoto also located various items of alleged drug contraband in Bedroom 1 between 7:10 a.m. and 7:40 a.m. Officer Marumoto found some of these items on a desk, in close proximity to three envelopes addressed to Wright. He found the remainder of these items in a dresser drawer, which also contained "a lot" of "woman's clothes." Officer Marumoto did not testify at the suppression hearing. In Bedroom 2, an officer located a "sentry safe" atop a dresser; inside the safe, the officer found three plastic bags containing a crystalline substance and six packets of what appeared to be marijuana.

Ketchum filed a motion for a bill of particulars, which sought clarification as to "the location of the alleged dangerous drugs and drug paraphernalia alleged to have been illegally possessed by Ketchum when discovered by police." In its memorandum in opposition, the prosecution responded that Ketchum was "charged with all of the drugs and drug paraphernalia located within the bedroom where he was found lying on the bed." At the hearing conducted in connection with Ketchum's motion for a bill of particulars, the prosecution maintained its position that the drug contraband located in Bedroom 1 predicated the charges against Ketchum.

questioning. On an HPD "waiver" form, Ketchum indicated that he understood his rights, did not want an attorney, but did not want "to tell [Detective Itomura] what happened[.]" In response to Detective Itomura's request, Ketchum signed and dated the form and wrote his address, "91-467 Ft Weaver Rd," on blank lines on the form predesignated for each piece of information. Like Officer Masaki and Detective Towne, Detective Itomura knew, as a result of his training as a police officer, that Ketchum's admission regarding his address would assist in prosecuting him.

II. STANDARD OF REVIEW

The circuit court's determinations that police officers had subjected Ketchum to "custodial interrogation," on two separate occasions, absent the warnings required by article I, section 10 of the Hawai'i Constitution (1982), quoted infra in section III, and, on a third occasion, in disregard of Ketchum's invocation of his right to remain silent, constitute conclusions of constitutional law, which, consequently, this court reviews de novo on appeal, under the "right/wrong" standard; to the extent that these conclusions of law implicate constitutional questions, this court freely "exercise[s] [its] own independent constitutional judgment, based on the facts of the case." State v. Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i 207, 209, 10 P.3d 728, 730 (2000) (citations omitted).

III. DISCUSSION

In granting Ketchum's motion to suppress, the circuit court concluded in relevant part:

5. Ketchum, from the point he was detained by Officer Masaki, was in custody.

6. At the point that Officer Masaki questioned Ketchum, Ketchum was a focus of police investigation. Officer Masaki knew, or should have known, that his

communication regarding Ketchum's address was reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response as to the constructive possession of the drug contraband.

7. Information as to Ketchum's address gathered by Detective Towne suffers from the same constitutional infirmities as that gathered by Officer Masaki.

8. As to subsequent questioning by Officer Itomura at the station, it is again the case that Officer Itomura subjected Ketchum to custodial questioning. And again, the routine booking question exception does not apply, as Officer Itomura knew, or should have known, that his request to have Ketchum provide his address was reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response as to the [charge of] constructive possession of drug contraband.

9. Furthermore, Officer Itomura obtained from Ketchum an express refusal to discuss the case. Once the right to counsel has been invoked, all questioning must cease. State v. Mailo, 69 Haw. 51, 731 P.2d 1264 (1987). Herein, once Ketchum was informed of his right to counsel, and thereafter refused to speak, Officer Itomura proceeded to request Ketchum's address. Said request was improper.

(Internal capitalization altered.). The prosecution argues that these COLs are wrong. Before addressing the prosecution's arguments, we review the principles of constitutional law that are germane to our analysis.

A. Article I, Section 10 Of The Hawai'i Constitution

Article I, section 10 of the Hawai'i Constitution provides in relevant part that "[n]o person shall . . . be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against oneself." In State v. Santiago, 53 Haw. 254, 492 P.2d 657 (1971), this court first recognized that the foregoing section¹⁴ provides "an independent source" from that of the fifth amendment to the United States Constitution¹⁵ for the "protections which the United States Supreme Court enumerated" in Miranda v. Arizona,

¹⁴ At the time that this court published its opinion in Santiago, the protection against self-incrimination was, in language identical to that presently set forth in section 10 (section 10's gender neutrality aside), contained in article I, section 8.

¹⁵ The fifth amendment to the United States Constitution provides in relevant part that "[n]o person . . . shall be compelled in any Criminal Case to be a witness against himself[.]" Because we decide this matter on the basis of state constitutional law, we do not address the question whether the officers violated Ketchum's constitutional rights under the United States Constitution.

384 U.S. 436 (1966). 53 Haw. at 266, 492 P.2d at 664. Thus, as a matter of state constitutional law, article I, section 10

requires that before reference is made at trial to statements made by the accused during custodial interrogation, the prosecutor must first demonstrate that certain safeguards were taken before the accused was questioned. . . . [T]he prosecutor must show that each accused was warned that he [or she] had a right to remain silent, that anything said could be used against him [or her], that he [or she] had a right to the presence of an attorney, and that if he [or she] could no[t] afford an attorney one would be appointed for him [or her]. . . . [U]nless these protective measures are taken, statements made by the accused may not be used either as direct evidence in the prosecutor's case in chief or to impeach the defendant's credibility during rebuttal or cross-examination.^[16]

Id. The Santiago court expressly "base[d] [its] decision on [its] belief that the privilege against self-incrimination bestows on every accused the right to choose whether or not to confess to the commission of a crime." Id. Thus, "[i]n order to protect that freedom of choice, we believe that every accused[] must be informed of the fact that he [or she] has certain rights under the Hawaii Constitution." Id. As we observed in Santiago, article I, section 10 "maintains [the] . . . value of protecting the accused's privilege to freely choose whether or not to incriminate himself [or herself]," because "[t]o convict a person on the basis of statements procured in violation of his [or her] constitutional rights is intolerable." Id. at 267, 492 P.2d at 665.

The "Miranda rule," as Santiago and our subsequent cases makes clear, is, at core, a constitutionally prescribed rule of evidence¹⁷ that requires the prosecution to lay a

¹⁶ With respect to precluding the introduction of custodial statements at trial for the purpose of impeaching a defendant, article I, section 10 accords greater protection to an accused than does the fifth amendment. See Santiago, 53 Haw. at 263-67, 491 P.2d at 662-65.

¹⁷ Cf. Dickerson v. United States, 530 U.S. 428, 432 (2000) ("We hold that Miranda, being a constitutional decision of this Court, may not be in
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sufficient foundation -- i.e., that the requisite warnings were administered and validly waived before the accused gave the statement sought to be adduced at trial -- before it may adduce evidence of a defendant's custodial statements that stem from interrogation during his or her criminal trial.¹⁸ See, e.g., Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 210, 10 P.3d at 731 ("Absent Miranda warnings and a valid waiver of them, statements obtained from a person subjected to custodial interrogation are inadmissible in a subsequent criminal proceeding brought against the person." (Citation omitted.)); State v. Hoey, 77 Hawai'i 17, 33, 881 P.2d 504, 520 (1994) ("Miranda imposed upon the prosecution the burden of demonstrating in any given case that these 'procedural safeguards' had been employed[.] . . . If these minimal safeguards are not satisfied, then statements made by the accused may not be used either as direct evidence . . . or to impeach the defendant's credibility[.]" (Citations and internal quotation signals omitted.)); State v. Nelson, 69 Haw. 461, 467-68, 748 P.2d 365, 369 (1987) (noting that "the question [in Santiago] was the

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effect overruled by an Act of Congress" and, therefore, that "Miranda and its progeny in this Court govern the admissibility of statements made during custodial interrogation in both state and federal courts." (Emphasis added.)).

¹⁸ The present matter does not raise the question whether Ketchum's statements were "voluntary," as a matter of substantive constitutional due process, under either article I, section 5 of the Hawai'i Constitution (1978) or the fourteenth amendment to the United States Constitution. See, e.g., State v. Bowe, 77 Hawai'i 51, 58-60, 881 P.2d 538, 545-47 (1994) (addressing the question whether the defendant's statement was involuntarily given and, thereby, obtained by violating the defendant's right to due process protected by article I, section 5). Nor have the parties advanced the question whether any of Ketchum's statements were unreasonably obtained or otherwise tainted fruit of a poisonous tree for purposes of article I, section 7 of the Hawai'i Constitution (1978). See, e.g., State v. Kahui, 86 Hawai'i 195, 203-204, 948 P.2d 1036, 1044-45 (1997) (addressing the question whether a defendant's statement was unreasonably obtained because it constituted fruit of an unlawful warrantless arrest under article I, section 7). Accordingly, our discussion herein is limited to whether Ketchum's statements are inadmissible in his criminal trial because of the protection accorded him against self-incrimination by article I, section 10.

admissibility of statements made during custodial interrogation" and reaffirming the principle that, absent the procedural safeguards enumerated in Miranda and Santiago, "'statements made by the accused may not be used either as direct evidence in the prosecutor's case in chief or to impeach the defendant's credibility during rebuttal or cross-examination'" (quoting Santiago, 53 Haw. at 266, 492 P.2d at 664)); State v. Ikaika, 67 Haw. 563, 566, 698 P.2d 281, 283-84 (1985) ("It is well recognized that before the [prosecution] may use statements stemming from custodial interrogation, it must first demonstrate the use of procedural safeguards effective to secure the privilege against self-incrimination." (Citations and footnote omitted.)); Santiago, 53 Haw. at 262-63, 492 P.2d at 662 ("'[T]he warnings required . . . are . . . prerequisites to the admissibility of any statement made by a defendant,' . . . and in the absence of a showing that the accused was warned of his [or her] rights, 'no evidence obtained as a result of interrogation can be used against him [or her].'" (Quoting Miranda, 384 U.S. at 476, 479.) (Original parentheses changed to brackets and internal citations omitted.)).

The prosecution's burden of establishing that the requisite warnings were given, however, is not triggered unless the totality of the circumstances reflect that the statement it seeks to adduce at trial was obtained as a result of "custodial interrogation," which, as the United States Supreme Court defined it in Miranda, consists of "questioning initiated by law enforcement officers after a person has been taken into custody or otherwise deprived of his [or her] freedom of action in any

significant way.”¹⁹ 384 U.S. at 444 (footnote omitted); see also

¹⁹ The concurring and dissenting opinion “disagree[s] with the totality of the circumstances formulation seemingly adopted” by us “in this case.” Acoba and Ramil, JJ., concurring in part and dissenting in part [hereinafter, “concurring and dissenting opinion”], at 1. However, this court consistently addresses the question whether a defendant has been subjected to custodial interrogation within the context of the totality of the circumstances. See, e.g., Ah Loo, 94 Hawai‘i at 210, 10 P.3d at 731 (“[t]o determine whether ‘interrogation’ is custodial, we look to the totality of the circumstances, focusing on the ‘place and time of the interrogation, the length of the interrogation, the nature of the questions asked, the conduct of the police, and any other relevant circumstances” (quoting State v. Melemai, 64 Haw. 479, 481, 643 P.2d 541, 544 (1982) (quoting State v. Sugimoto, 62 Haw. 259, 265, 614 P.2d 386, 391 (1980))) (emphasis added) (brackets in original omitted); State v. Kauhi, 86 Hawai‘i 195, 203 948 P.2d 1036 (1997) (“[a] ‘totality of the circumstances’ test is used to determine whether the questioning is custodial” (quoting State v. Blanding, 69 Haw. 583, 586, 752 P.2d 99, 100 (1988) (quoting State v. Russo, 67 Haw. 126, 134, 681 P.2d 553, 560 (1984) (omitting some citations))) (emphasis added); State v. Kuba, 68 Haw. 184, 188-90, 706 P.2d 1305, 1309-10 (1985) (assessing the totality of the circumstances in holding that the road-side questioning of a motorist did not constitute custodial interrogation); State v. Wyatt, 67 Haw. 293, 299, 687 P.2d 544, 549 (1984) (“[w]hether interrogation was carried on in a custodial context is dependent upon the totality of the circumstances surrounding the questioning” (citing State v. Paahana, 66 Haw. 499, 503, 666 P.2d 592, 595 (1983), and Melemai, 64 Haw. at 481, 643 P.2d at 544 (1982)) (emphasis added); State v. Patterson, 59 Haw. 357, 361, 581 P.2d 752, 755 (1978) (“whether the defendant was in custody or otherwise deprived of his [or her] freedom of action for Miranda purposes is to be determined from the totality of the circumstances, objectively appraised” (citing Lowe v. United States, 407 F.2d 1391 (9th Cir. 1969), and State v. Tsukiyama, 56 Haw. 8, 525 P.2d 1099 (1974)) (emphasis added); State v. Kalai, 56 Haw. 366, 369, 537 P.2d 8, 11 (1975) (“[w]hat constitutes custodial interrogation outside of the police station, however, necessarily depends upon the circumstances of the particular case; and whether the compulsive factors with which Miranda was concerned are present must be determined from the totality of the circumstances” (citing United States v. Montos, 421 F.2d 215, 222-223 (5th Cir. 1970, cert. denied 397 U.S. 1022 (1970)) (emphases added). We therefore do not understand our opinion to be “adopt[ing]” a new approach in analyzing whether custodial interrogation has occurred for Miranda purposes. Rather, we do two things in this opinion, both as a matter of state constitutional law: (1) we reject the notion of articulating a distinct “exception” to the interrogation requisite for purposes of triggering Miranda warnings on the basis that a particular question is in the nature of a “routine booking question,” see infra section III.A.1; and (2) we clarify the circumstances that will suffice to reflect that a person’s freedom of action has been “significantly” deprived, such that he or she is “in custody” for Miranda purposes, see infra section III.A.2. As such, our opinion fits squarely within the “framework” for resolving the Miranda issues that the concurring and dissenting opinion articulates, see concurring and dissenting opinion at 2-3 (specifically, prongs (1)(b) and (2)), and believes that we have abandoned. For example, our discussion concerning the “custody” prong of orthodox Miranda analysis, see infra section III.A.2, merely provides some further guidance to the courts, the bar, and law enforcement officers by which to discern when, under circumstances in which a person has not been formally arrested, he or she nonetheless has been “significantly” deprived of his or her freedom of action such that he or she is “in custody.” Where we perhaps differ with the concurring and dissenting opinion is that we do not believe that the concrete answers to the abstract propositions set forth in its “framework” are invariably as self-evident as it

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Hoey, 77 Hawai'i at 33, 881 P.2d at 520 ("the privilege [against self-incrimination] is jeopardized when an individual is taken into custody or otherwise deprived of his [or her] freedom by the authorities in any significant way and subjected to questioning") (citations, original ellipsis points, and internal quotation signals omitted); State v. Melemai, 64 Haw. 479, 481, 643 P.2d 541, 543 (1982); State v. Patterson, 59 Haw. 357, 359, 581 P.2d 752, 754 (1978). In other words, the defendant, objecting to the admissibility of his or her statement and, thus, seeking to suppress it, must establish that his or her statement was the result of (1) "interrogation" that occurred while he or she was (2) "in custody." See, e.g., Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 210, 10 P.3d at 731 ("the requirement of Miranda warnings is triggered by 'two criteria': '(1) the defendant must be under interrogation; and (2) the defendant must be in custody'" (quoting State v. Kauhi, 86 Hawai'i 195, 204, 948 P.2d 1036, 1045 (1997) (quoting State v. Blanding, 69 Haw. 583, 586, 752 P.2d 99, 100 (1988))) (original brackets omitted)).

1. Interrogation

Generally speaking, "'interrogation,' as used in a Miranda context, [means] 'express questioning or its functional equivalent.'" Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 210, 10 P.3d at 731 (quoting Melemai, 64 Haw. at 481 n.3, 643 P.2d at 544 n.3 (quoting Rhode Island v. Innis, 446 U.S. 291, 300-01 (1980))) (some internal quotation signals omitted) (brackets in original). However, whether a police officer has subjected a person to

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suggests, particularly where the degree to which an infringement upon a person's liberty becomes significant in one particular constitutional context is not coextensive with the significance of the deprivation of the person's freedom of action in another. See, e.g., Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 210-12, 10 P.3d at 731-33.

"interrogation" is determined by objectively assessing the "totality of the circumstances." Id.; see also Ikaika, 67 Haw. at 567, 698 P.2d at 284. With a focus upon the conduct of the police, the nature of the questions asked, and any other relevant circumstance, the ultimate question becomes "whether the police officer should have known that his [or her] words or actions were reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response" from the person in custody. Ikaika, 67 Haw. at 567, 698 P.2d at 284.

Be that as it may, the Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA) has held that,

during an investigative stop or after an arrest, requests for items of information within the "routine booking question exception" are not, in most cases, interrogation. These items of information are: name, address, height, weight, eye color, date of birth, current age, Pennsylvania v. Muniz, 496 U.S. 582, 110 S.Ct. 2638, 110 L.Ed.2d 528 (1990), and, logically, social security number.

State v. Blackshire, 10 Haw. App. 123, 134, 861 P.2d 736, 742 (App.), cert. denied, 75 Haw. 581, 863 P.2d 989 (1993), overruled on other grounds by Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 211, 10 P.3d at 732.

In the ICA's view, however, "the routine booking question exception does not apply: (1) when the police request information designed to elicit an incriminatory admission; or (2) where the police should have known that their communication was reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response." Id. (citations omitted).

Applying the "routine booking question exception" in Blackshire, the ICA held that an officer's inquiries regarding the defendant's name, phone number, and domicile "were not interrogation because [the questions] came within the routine booking exception." 10 Haw. App. at 136, 861 P.2d at 743. However, when it came to the officer's inquiry regarding the defendant's local residence, inasmuch as the officer knew

beforehand that the defendant had sojourned in a hotel room in which a drug-sniffing dog had alerted to the presence of narcotics and that other officers were in the process of obtaining a warrant to search the room, the ICA determined that “[t]he routine booking exception did not apply because the officer should have known that his question was reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response”; consequently, the ICA held that the question constituted “interrogation.” Id. at 126-27, 137, 861 P.2d at 739-40, 743.

The ICA’s formulation of the routine booking question exception impliedly acknowledges that the “exception” is, when scrutinized, no real exception at all. Rather, whether a question is a “routine booking question,” the answer to which, generally speaking, is not reasonably likely to be incriminating, is simply an aspect of the totality of the circumstances considered in determining whether the questioning officer has subjected the accused to “interrogation.” As the ICA itself observed in Blackshire, to the extent that a police officer reasonably should have known that his or her question was likely to elicit an incriminating response, the officer’s question, even if a “routine booking question,” constitutes “interrogation.” 10 Haw. App. at 134, 861 P.2d at 742. Moreover, to the extent that an officer knows, or reasonably should know, that his or her question is likely to elicit an incriminating response, his or her later assertion that the question was asked for a seemingly innocuous purpose proffers nothing more than a post hoc rationalization for asking the question.

This court has never expressly adopted the “routine booking question exception” as a matter of state constitutional

law.²⁰ Nor do we perceive any need for this court to do so. The rationale behind the “routine booking question exception” is that questions eliciting general biographical data necessary for purposes of booking and pretrial services are not, in the vast majority of cases, reasonably likely to elicit incriminating responses. See, e.g., Muniz, 496 U.S. at 602 n.14 (noting that “the police may not ask questions, even during booking, that are designed to elicit an incriminating response”); id. at 609 (Marshall, J., concurring and dissenting) (opining that the routine booking question exception “should not extend to booking questions that the police should know are reasonably likely to elicit incriminating responses”); United States v. Foster, 227 F.3d 1096, 1103 (9th Cir. 2000) (observing that, “generally[,]

²⁰ That there is such an “exception” to the Miranda warnings required as a matter of federal law is beyond dispute. See, e.g., Muniz, 496 U.S. at 600-02 & n.14 (Brennan, J., plurality opinion) (holding that questions regarding a defendant’s name, address, height, weight, eye color, birth date, and current age constituted “custodial interrogation” but fell within the “‘routine booking question’ exception which exempts from Miranda’s coverage questions to secure the biographical data necessary to complete booking or pretrial services,” but observing that that the “exception” would not apply to questions posed during the booking process “that are designed to elicit incriminatory admissions” (citations and internal quotation signals omitted)); id. at 608-12 (Marshall, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part) (observing that, even if Miranda admits of a routine booking question exception, “it should not extend to booking questions that the police should know are reasonably likely to elicit incriminating responses” and disagreeing that the exception should extend only to those questions “designed” to elicit incriminating responses); United States v. Bishop, 66 F.3d 569, 572 n.2 (3d Cir. 1995) (recognizing the “routine booking question exception”); Presley v. City of Benbrook, 4 F.3d 405, 408 n.2 (5th Cir. 1993) (observing that, “[i]n the wake of Muniz, . . . a routine booking question exception to the Fifth Amendment exists” and citing, inter alia, cases from the United States Courts of Appeals for the Sixth, Seventh, and Ninth Circuits); United States v. Horton, 873 F.2d 180, 181 n.2 (8th Cir. 1989) (asserting that “[i]t is well established that Miranda does not apply to biographical data necessary to complete booking or pretrial services” and citing cases from the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, and Eleventh Circuits); United States v. Parra, 2 F.3d 1058, 1068 (10th Cir. 1993) (recognizing routine booking question exception, observing that “[t]he underlying rationale for the exception is that routine booking questions do not constitute interrogation because they do not normally elicit incriminating responses, and holding that “where questions regarding normally routine biographical information are designed to elicit incriminating information, the questioning constitutes interrogation subject to the strictures of Miranda” (citations omitted)).

. . . inquiries regarding general biographical information [do not constitute] interrogation" because "[o]nly questions 'reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response from the suspect' amount to interrogation" (citation omitted)); United States v. Parra, 2 F.3d 1058, 1068 (10th Cir. 1993) ("[t]he underlying rationale for the exception is that routine booking questions do not constitute interrogation because they do not normally elicit incriminating responses" (citations omitted)); Franks v. State, 486 S.E.2d 594, 597 (Ga. 1997) ("the rationale for creating an exemption to Miranda for questions asked during booking is that these questions are generally unrelated to the crime and are therefore unlikely to elicit an incriminating response"); State v. Brann, 736 A.2d 251, 255 (Me. 1999) ("[a]dministrative questions, not likely to elicit an incriminating response, include those 'routine booking questions' normally attending arrest which seek only biographical data necessary to complete booking or pretrial services'" (citations and some internal quotation signals omitted)). Thus, to the extent that, under article I, section 10, the ultimate question regarding "interrogation" is whether the questioning officer knew or reasonably should have known that his or her question was likely to elicit an incriminating response, the fact that a question is in the nature of a "routine booking question" is merely one consideration among many relevant to an assessment of the totality of the circumstances.²¹ In other words, the

²¹ We expressly decline to adopt, as a broad "exception" to the required warnings, the rule that, if an officer expressly asks an arrestee for biographical data necessary for booking or pretrial services, the arrestee's response is not, as a per se matter, suppressible under article I, section 10 so long as the officer did not specifically intend -- or, to use Justice Brennan's word, did not "design" -- the question to elicit an incriminating response. See Muniz, 496 U.S. at 602 n.14. Rather, we agree with Justice Marshall that "[t]he far better course [is] to maintain the clarity of the

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"routine booking question exception" does no more than recognize that not every "express question" constitutes "interrogation." See, e.g., United States v. Booth, 669 F.2d 1231, 1237 (9th Cir. 1981) ("[c]ertainly, not every question is an interrogation"); Foster, 227 F.3d at 1102 (same).

Accordingly, we reaffirm the principle that "interrogation" consists of any express question -- or, absent an express question, any words or conduct -- that the officer knows or reasonably should know is likely to elicit an incriminating response. See, e.g., Ikaika, 67 Haw. at 567, 698 P.2d at 284; State v. Paahana, 66 Haw. 500, 503, 666 P.2d 592, 595 (1983). The totality of the circumstances must be considered to determine whether "interrogation" has occurred, with a focus upon the officer's conduct, the nature of the question (including whether the question is a "routine booking question"²²), and any other

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doctrine by requiring police to preface all [interrogation] of a suspect with Miranda warnings if they want his [or her] responses to be admissible at trial." Id. at 610 (Marshall, J., concurring and dissenting) (emphasis added). In addition to the unnecessary litigation that the "routine booking question exception" would be likely to engender, see id. at 610 (Marshall, J., concurring and dissenting), we believe that in focusing the inquiry upon whether an officer "designed" a question to elicit an incriminating response, the formulation of the rule in the lead opinion in Muniz misdirects the inquiry to the officer's subjective intent. See id. at 611 (Marshall, J., concurring and dissenting) ("[a]lthough the police's intent to obtain an incriminating response is relevant to this inquiry, the key components of the analysis are the nature of the questioning, the attendant circumstances, and the perceptions of the suspect" (citation omitted)); see also State v. Roman, 70 Haw. 351, 358, 772 P.2d 113, 117 (1989) ("regardless of their initial, actual, subjective intent, the police detectives should have realized that they were essentially asking [the defendant] to confess"); Ikaika, 67 Haw. at 570, 698 P.2d at 286 (Padgett, J., dissenting) (the question whether the police should know that a question is reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response "focuses primarily upon the perceptions of the suspect, rather than the intent of the police" (quoting Innis, 446 U.S. at 300-01)); State v. Jenkins, 1 Haw. App. 430, 620 P.2d 263 (1980) (same).

²² If relevant, subsidiary considerations may include: (1) the nexus, if any, between the question asked and the booking process, on the one hand, and the alleged offense, on the other; (2) whether the question was asked at the scene of the arrest or in a traditional station house or other formal booking setting; (3) whether the officer who asked the question would ordinarily be involved in the formal booking process; and (4) whether the

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relevant circumstance.²³

We pause, at this point, to address the prosecution's concern, which we share, that law enforcement officers must not be precluded from engaging in "legitimate" on-the-scene questioning that is "necessary to [a] criminal investigation." Indeed, we have in the past expressly recognized that the Miranda rule was never intended "to hamper law enforcement agencies in the exercise of their investigative duties or in the performance of their traditional investigatory functions." Patterson, 59 Haw. at 361-62, 581 P.2d at 755; see also Melemai, 64 Haw. at 481-82, 643 P.2d at 544 ("[A]pplication of the Miranda rule . . . does not preclude the police, in the exercise of their

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question was asked within a reasonable time after the person was arrested. See, e.g., Foster, 227 F.3d at 1103 ("it is relevant, but not determinative, that a question posed was not related to the crime or the suspect's participation in it"); State v. Bryant, 624 N.W.2d 865, 869 (Wis. Ct. App. 2001) ("[t]o qualify for the exception, the questions must be asked by an agency ordinarily involved in booking suspects, must be asked during a true booking[,] and must be asked shortly after the suspect has been taken into custody" (citing United States v. Mata-Abundiz, 717 F.2d 1277, 1280 (9th Cir. 1983) (observing that, in applying the routine booking question exception, "the subjective intent of the agent is relevant but not conclusive" and "[t]he relationship of the question asked to the crime suspected is highly relevant" (emphasis added))).

²³ The concurring and dissenting opinion disagrees that whether a particular question is in the nature of a routine booking question should be "absor[bed] into a 'totality of the circumstances' test." Concurring and dissenting opinion at 8. However, the very cases it relies upon reflect the necessity of assessing the totality of the circumstances. See id. at 7 (quoting United States v. Avery, 717 F.2d 1020, 1025 (6th Cir. 1983) ("Even a relatively innocuous series of questions may, in light of the factual circumstances and the susceptibility of a particular suspect, be reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response.")) (Emphasis added to concurring and dissenting opinion's quotation.), and United States v. Mata-Abundiz, 717 F.2d 1277, 1280 (9th Cir. 1983) ("If, however, the questions are reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response in a particular situation, the exception does not apply.")) (Emphasis added to concurring and dissenting opinion's quotation.)). Moreover, the concurring and dissenting opinion provides no rationale, or, indeed, authority, for why a "routine booking question exception" is necessary as a separately articulated exception to the interrogation prong of Miranda analysis in the first place. Insofar as the concurring and dissenting opinion agrees with us that the so-called "exception" does not apply if the officer posing the question reasonably should know that the question is likely to elicit an incriminating response, see concurring and dissenting opinion at 6-8, we fail to discern how this "exception" exempts any particular question from constituting interrogation.

investigatory duties or functions, from making general on-the-scene inquires as to facts surrounding a crime or other general questions in the fact-finding process." (Citation omitted)). However, application of the Miranda rule in any given case merely precludes the prosecution from adducing particular evidence (e.g., Ketchum's residential address) through a specific source (e.g., Ketchum's own words) in a subsequent criminal trial, and does not, in and of itself, impose constraints upon an officer conducting a legitimate on-the-scene investigation.

On the facts of the present matter, by questioning the occupants of the residence to determine who was a visitor and who was not, we do not believe that the officers conducted their investigation in an illegitimate fashion. They certainly could make such inquires, up to the point of arrest, in order to legitimately establish whom to arrest.²⁴ See, e.g., Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 210-11, 10 P.3d at 731-32; State v. Wyatt, 67 Haw. 293, 298-301 & n.6, 687 P.2d 544, 549-550 & n.6 (1984). But if an officer poses a question to someone who is "in custody," which the officer reasonably should know is likely to elicit an incriminating response (which response, in turn, the officer reasonably should know that the prosecution is likely to seek to adduce in a subsequent criminal proceeding for the purpose of inculcating the questioned individual), the officer must precede the question with the requisite warnings and obtain a valid waiver of the questioned individual's related constitutional rights if the response is to be admissible at trial. On the other hand, the application of the Miranda rule to preclude the prosecution from utilizing the defendant's own words against him

²⁴ As will be seen, however, see infra section III.A.2 and III.B, the point of arrest had arrived, and Ketchum was, therefore, "in custody," before he was asked for his residential address.

or her at trial does not, in and of itself, preclude the officer in the field from posing questions in the first instance for legitimate investigative purposes, such as ascertaining the defendant's identity and the place of abode where he or she can be found. In other words, the Miranda rule merely mandates that a defendant's responses, if given in a custodial context, to such on-the-scene investigative questions cannot be used by the prosecution in a subsequent criminal trial to inculcate the defendant and does not speak to whether the police may utilize and rely upon the defendant's responses for other legitimate investigative purposes.

2. Custody

"To determine whether 'interrogation' is 'custodial,' we look to the totality of the circumstances, focusing on 'the place and time of the interrogation, the length of the interrogation, the nature of the questions asked, the conduct of the police, and [any] other relevant circumstances.'" Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 210, 10 P.3d at 731 (quoting Melemai, 64 Haw. at 481, 643 P.2d at 544) (brackets in original). Again, the question to be answered, once it is determined that a defendant has been "interrogated" within the meaning of article I, section 10, is whether the defendant, at the time of the "interrogation," was "in[] custody or otherwise deprived of his [or her] freedom . . . in any significant way[.]"²⁵ Hoey, 77 Hawai'i at 33, 881 P.2d at

²⁵ As noted supra in note 19, the analysis contained in this section addresses the point at which it may be said that a person is "in custody" for purposes of triggering Miranda warnings and, in the main, is focused upon describing the circumstances that are sufficient to constitute a "significant" deprivation of a person's freedom of action (and, therefore, sufficient to render the person "in custody" for Miranda purposes), even though the person has not been formally arrested. By locating these circumstances around the "point of arrest," be it formal or de facto, we do not limit the application of Miranda only to those situations in which a person has been formally arrested, as the concurring and dissenting opinion seems to claim. See

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520 (citations omitted).

As we recently noted in Ah Loo, "no precise line can be drawn" delineating when "custodial interrogation," as opposed to non-custodial "on-the-scene" questioning (which is outside the protection against self-incrimination that article I, section 10 affords to an accused), has occurred. 94 Hawai'i at 210, 643 P.2d at 731 (citations, internal quotation signals, and original brackets omitted). Rather, the question whether a person has been significantly deprived of his or her freedom, such that he or she is "in custody" at the time he or she is "interrogated," must be addressed on a case-by-case basis "because each case must necessarily turn upon its own facts and circumstances." Patterson, 59 Haw. at 362, 581 P.2d at 756.

Nonetheless, we discern a point along the spectrum "beyond which on-the-scene [questioning]" becomes "custodial," such that article I, section 10 precludes the prosecution from adducing a defendant's resulting statement at trial unless the question has been preceded by the requisite Miranda warnings. Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 210, 10 P.3d at 731; Patterson, 59 Haw. at 362, 581 P.2d at 755-56. On one side of that point is the situation in which a person subjected to lawful investigative detention, which is brief in duration and during which the officer poses questions that are designed to confirm or dispel the officer's reasonable suspicion that criminal activity is afoot, has not had his or her liberty infringed to such a significant degree as to render the detainee "in custody" for

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concurring and dissenting opinion at 9-12. Rather, we are simply clarifying that if the totality of the circumstances reflects that a person's freedom of action has been deprived to a degree tantamount to that associated with arrest (regardless of whether an officer has formally arrested the person), the person's freedom of action has been "significantly" deprived and, thus, he or she is "in custody" for purposes of triggering Miranda warnings.

purposes of triggering the prosecution's burden -- under article I, section 10 of the Hawai'i Constitution -- of establishing that the requisite Miranda warnings were first properly administered as an evidentiary precondition to the admissibility of the detainee's responses to the officer's questions at trial. See Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 212, 10 P.3d at 733; State v. Hoffman, 73 Haw. 41, 54, 828 P.2d 805, 813 (1992); Patterson, 59 Haw. at 362-63, 581 P.2d at 755-56.

As we reaffirmed in Ah Loo,²⁶ a person

temporarily detained for brief questioning by police officers who lack probable cause to make an arrest or bring an accusation need not be warned about incrimination and their right to counsel, until such time as the point of arrest or accusation has been reached or the questioning has ceased to be brief and casual and [has] become sustained and coercive (footnote omitted).

Hoffman, 73 Haw. at 54, 828 P.2d at 813 (quoting Melemai, 64 Haw. at 482, 643 P.2d at 544); Patterson, 59 Haw. at 362-63, 581 P.2d at 755-56 (quoting People v. Manis, 268 Cal.App.2d 653, 669, 74 Cal.Rptr. 423 (1969)). In other words, "whether the investigation has focused on the suspect and whether the police have probable cause to arrest him [or her] prior to questioning" are relevant considerations in determining whether a person is "in custody." Melemai, 64 Haw. at 481, 643 P.2d at 544; see also Patterson, 59 Haw. at 561-63, 581 P.2d at 755-56.

94 Hawai'i at 210, 10 P.3d at 731. In essence, therefore, Ah Loo reiterates the basic principle that when an officer lawfully conducting an investigative detention lacks probable cause to arrest the detainee and -- so long as his or her questions remain brief and casual and do not become sustained and coercive -- has

²⁶ Ketchum urges a nonretroactive application of this court's holding in Ah Loo. Generally, "judicial decisions are assumed to apply retroactively[.]" State v. Peralto, 95 Hawai'i 1, 6, 18 P.3d 203, 208 (2001). If, however, a judicial decision announces a "new rule," then this court may, in its discretion, determine that the interests of fairness preclude retroactive application of the new rule. See id. at 6-8, 18 P.3d at 208-10. Ah Loo did not announce a "new" rule, but, rather, merely clarified the existing proposition that a person temporarily and lawfully detained need not be given Miranda warnings until the moment of express or implied accusation has arrived. See Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 212, 10 P.3d at 733; Melemai, 64 Haw. at 482, 643 P.2d at 544; Patterson, 59 Haw. at 362-63, 581 P.2d at 756. As such, there is no "new Ah Loo rule" to which to give retroactive application in the first instance.

not impliedly accused the detainee of committing a crime, the officer has not significantly infringed upon the detainee's liberty, such that the detainee is "in custody" and has thus been transformed into an "accused" to whom the protection against self-incrimination attaches.

But, under Ah Loo, once a detainee becomes expressly or impliedly accused of having committed a crime -- because the totality of the circumstances reflects either that probable cause to arrest the detainee has developed or that the officer's questions have "become sustained and coercive," the officer's investigation having focused upon the detainee and the questions no longer being designed to dispel or confirm the officer's reasonable suspicion --, then Miranda warnings, as well as a valid waiver the detainee's related constitutional rights, are required before the fruit of further questioning can be introduced in a subsequent criminal proceeding against the detainee. Id. at 212, 10 P.3d at 733.

Accordingly, on the other side of the "point along the spectrum" stands the proposition, equally axiomatic, that a person whom an officer has formally and "physically" arrested²⁷ is "in custody" for purposes of article I, section 10. See State v. Vallesteros, 84 Hawai'i 295, 301, 933 P.2d 632, 638 (1997) ("arrest" involves, inter alia, "taking an alleged violator into extended physical custody"); State v. Wyatt, 67 Haw. 293, 301 n.6, 687 P.2d 544, 550 n.6 (1984) (observing that "[i]f the defendant had been arrested before being asked if she had been

²⁷ We use the term "arrest" in this opinion to mean "physical" arrest. Cf. State v. Vallesteros, 84 Hawai'i 295, 301, 933 P.2d 632, 638 (1997) (holding "that an 'arrest' may involve either (1) taking the alleged violator into extended physical custody or (2) issuing the individual a citation" and noting that, "when we use the word 'arrest' in this opinion, we refer to physical arrest").

drinking, Miranda warnings were clearly in order"); State v. Amarin, 61 Haw. 356, 360, 604 P.2d 45, 48 (1979) (noting that "it is undisputed that after his arrest, the defendant was in the custody of [the police]" (citing, generally, Patterson, 59 Haw. 357, 581 P.2d 752)). Cf. State v. Nako, 72 Haw. 360, 366, 817 P.2d 1060, 1064 (1991) (holding, in the context of a prosecution for second degree escape, that, although defendant was not handcuffed, he had nonetheless been "placed under arrest, had had his liberty restrained in that he was not free to leave," and, "[a]t that point, the first step in the process of transporting him to the police station had begun[;]" consequently, the defendant's "arrest was complete and he was in custody"); State v. Ryan, 62 Haw. 99, 101, 612 P.2d 102, 103 (1980) (holding that "once the defendant has submitted to the control of the officer and the process of taking him [or her] to the police station . . . has commenced, his [or her] arrest is complete and he [or she] is in 'custody,' for the purposes of the escape statute"). As this court acknowledged in Wyatt, "[i]t is well settled that the safeguards prescribed by Miranda become applicable as soon as a suspect's freedom of action is curtailed to a 'degree associated with formal arrest.'" 67 Haw. at 301 n.6, 687 P.2d at 550 n.6 (quoting Berkemer v. McCarty, 468 U.S. 420, 440 (1984) (quoting California v. Beheler, 463 U.S. 1121, 1125 (1983) (per curiam))). Simply said, even without sustained and coercive questioning, if the "point of arrest . . . has been reached," the prosecution must establish that Miranda warnings, as well as a valid waiver of the defendant's related constitutional rights, preceded any "interrogation" as a precondition to the admissibility at trial of any resulting statement made by the defendant. See Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 210, 10 P.3d at 731

(citations omitted).

However, determining the precise point at which a temporary investigative detention has ripened into a warrantless arrest is no more susceptible to a bright-line rule than is determining when a suspect is "in custody." See, e.g., United States v. Sharpe, 470 U.S. 675, 685 (1985) (observing that there are "difficult line-drawing problems in distinguishing an investigative stop from a de facto arrest" and declining to adopt a "bright line" rule demarcating one from the other); Washington v. Lambert, 98 F.3d 1181, 1185 (9th Cir. 1996) ("[t]here is no bright-line rule to determine when an investigatory stop becomes an arrest" (citing United States v. Parr, 843 F.2d 1228, 1231 (9th Cir. 1988))); see also Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 210, 10 P.3d at 731. Nevertheless, it is self-evident that a temporary investigative detention in the absence of sustained and coercive questioning is "noncustodial," whereas an arrest is "custodial." See Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 210, 10 P.3d at 731. Accordingly, an arrestee is obviously "in custody" whether or not, in retrospect, the arresting officer had probable cause to effect the arrest in the first place. Cf. State v. Delmondo, 54 Haw. 552, 557, 512 P.2d 551, 554 (1973) (observing that an officer's failure to state, "I place you under arrest," does not preclude an arrest from occurring where an officer's action makes it clear to the defendant that he or she is not free to leave and holding that an officer who had probable cause to arrest took custody of the defendant by ordering him to leave a toilet stall, stand up against a wall, and remain subject to his commands); State v. Ortiz, 4 Haw. App. 143, 662 P.2d 517 ("[a]n arrest occurs where the defendant clearly understands that he [or she] is not free to go and no 'magic words' such as, 'I place you under arrest,' are

required" (citations omitted), affirmed, 67 Haw. 181, 683 P.2d 822 (1984). So long as an objective assessment of the totality of the circumstances reflects that "the point of arrest" has arrived, the arrestee, at that point, is "in custody" for purposes of article I, section 10.

Although there is no simple or precise bright line delineating when "the point of arrest" has arrived, it is well settled that a temporary investigative detention must, of necessity, be truly "temporary and last no longer than is necessary to effectuate the purpose of the [detention]" -- i.e., transpire for no longer than necessary to confirm or dispel the officer's reasonable suspicion that criminal activity is afoot. Sharpe, 470 U.S. at 684 (quoting Florida v. Royer, 460 U.S. 491, 500 (1983)); see also State v. Melear, 63 Haw. 488, 493, 630 P.2d 619, 624 (1981) (observing that "[a] brief stop of a suspicious individual, in order to determine his [or her] identity or to maintain the status quo momentarily while obtaining more information, may be most reasonable in light of the facts known to the officer at that time" (quoting Adams v. Williams, 407 U.S. 143, 146 (1972))). In other words, a temporary investigative detention must "be reasonably related in scope to the circumstances which justified [the detention] in the first place," State v. Silva, 91 Hawai'i 80, 81, 979 P.2d 1106, 1107 (1999) (quoting Sharpe, 470 U.S. at 682), and, thus, must be "no greater in intensity than absolutely necessary under the circumstances," see Silva, 91 Hawai'i at 81, 979 P.2d at 1107 (quoting State v. Kaluna, 55 Haw. 361, 369, 520 P.2d 51, 58-59 (1974)).

Moreover, while no single factor, in itself, is dispositive as to when a temporary investigative detention has

morphed into an arrest, the potential attributes of "arrest" clearly include such circumstances as handcuffing, leading the detainee to a different location, subjecting him or her to booking procedures, ordering his or her compliance with an officer's directives, using force, or displaying a show of authority beyond that inherent in the mere presence of a police officer, as well as any other event or condition that betokens a significant deprivation of freedom, "such that [an] innocent person could reasonably have believed that he [or she] was not free to go and that he [or she] was being taken into custody indefinitely," Kraus v. County of Pierce, 793 F.2d 1105, 1109 (9th Cir. 1986). See also Delmondo, 54 Haw. at 557, 512 P.2d at 554 (observing that officer "took custody of the defendant and his cohort by obliging them to leave the toilet stall, stand against a wall, and generally to remain subject to his directions" and holding that "[t]his type of action, despite the absence of the magic words ('I place you under arrest' etc.), is an arrest, where the defendant clearly understands that he [or she] is not free to go"); State v. Crowder, 1 Haw. App. 60, 64-65, 613 P.2d 909, 912-13 (1980) (holding that defendant "was arrested . . . when the police officer took physical custody of him" by "grabbing his arm" and "returned him to the hotel for detention there"). Cf. State v. Groves, 65 Haw. 104, 649 P.2d 366 (1982) (holding that "no valid arrest had taken place before the search of the [defendant's] person was conducted," even though, prior to that point, a police officer had approached the defendant, displayed his badge, informed the defendant of his suspicions that the defendant's luggage contained drug contraband, informed the defendant of his constitutional rights, and detained the defendant for twenty minutes, after he had

"accompanied the officers to" a police "office" located in the airport); Patterson, 59 Haw. at 363, 581 P.2d at 756 (holding that the defendant was not "in custody" and observing that "[n]o guns were drawn and kept upon the defendant" and that "he [had not been] confronted and subjected to an overbearing show of force"). We agree with the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit that, "when determining whether an arrest has occurred, a court must evaluate all the surrounding circumstances, 'including the extent to which liberty of movement is curtailed and the type of force or authority employed.'" United States v. Torres-Sanchez, 83 F.3d 1123, 1127 (9th Cir. 1996) (quoting United States v. Robertson, 833 F.2d 777, 780 (9th Cir. 1987)).

In summary, we hold that a person is "in custody" for purposes of article I, section 10 of the Hawai'i Constitution if an objective assessment of the totality of the circumstances reflects either (1) that the person has become impliedly accused of committing a crime because the questions of the police have become sustained and coercive, such that they are no longer reasonably designed briefly to confirm or dispel their reasonable suspicion or (2) that the point of arrest has arrived because either (a) probable cause to arrest has developed or (b) the police have subjected the person to an unlawful "de facto" arrest without probable cause to do so.

We now turn to the prosecution's arguments in the present appeal.

B. Officer Masaki's Elicitation Of Ketchum's Address

With respect to Officer Masaki's elicitation of Ketchum's address, the prosecution challenges the circuit court's COL Nos. 5 and 6, citing Ah Loo for the proposition that,

notwithstanding that police officers had "briefly detained" Ketchum and, therefore, had "seized" him, he was, nevertheless, not "in custody" when Officer Masaki questioned him. Thus, the prosecution posits that Miranda warnings were not foundational to the evidentiary admissibility of the substance of Ketchum's response to Officer Masaki's question regarding his address. In his answering brief, Ketchum concedes that, inasmuch as this court overruled Blackshire in Ah Loo to the extent that Blackshire had held that a person "seized" within the meaning of article I, section 7 of the Hawai'i Constitution was, as a per se matter, "in custody" for purposes of article I, section 10, the circuit court erred in relying upon Blackshire.²⁸ Nonetheless, Ketchum maintains that the totality of the circumstances reflect that Officer Masaki had subjected him to "custodial interrogation." We agree.

With respect to whether Officer Masaki's question constituted "interrogation," the record reflects that it was obviously not "reasonably designed to confirm or dispel -- as briefly as possible and without any coercive connotation by either word or conduct -- [a] reasonable suspicion that criminal activity was afoot." Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 212, 10 P.3d at 733

²⁸ Although the circuit court's COLs do not cite Blackshire, in orally ruling upon Ketchum's motion to suppress, the circuit court, after briefly recessing to "reread Blackshire in light of [the Intermediate Court of Appeals' decision in State v.]Ah Loo," 94 Hawai'i 201, 9 P.3d 513 (App.), rev'd, 94 Hawai'i 207, 10 P.3d 728 (2000), remarked in relevant part as follows:

. . . [T]he [c]ourt rules that the motion to suppress is granted. The police officers obviously were focused on Mr. Ketchum and they knew or reasonably should have known that the procedure, the booking procedure if you will, would result in incriminating statements. And, therefore, I believe they were obligated, under Blackshire, to comply with the formalities before questioning him and did not do so at the scene questioning regarding his domicile or residence.

(citation omitted). To the contrary, Officer Masaki admitted that he was aware that Ketchum's residential address was relevant to establishing whether Ketchum constructively possessed any drug contraband that might be found anywhere in the residence. Thus, Officer Masaki, of necessity, reasonably knew or should have known that asking Ketchum his address, having discovered him, early in the morning, in bed in the residence, was likely to yield an incriminating response. That being the case, Officer Masaki's testimonial assertion at the suppression hearing that he had posed the question merely to identify Ketchum as one of the people whom he had located and to include the information in his follow up report was simply a post hoc rationalization of his having elicited an incriminating admission by Ketchum of his residential address. Accordingly, we hold that Officer Masaki subjected Ketchum to "interrogation." See supra Section III.A.1.

The question whether Ketchum was, at the point Officer Masaki elicited his address, "in custody" is admittedly a difficult one. It cannot be said that Officer Masaki's questions were so sustained or coercive as, in and of themselves, impliedly to accuse Ketchum of committing a crime, nor does Ketchum argue that they were. Moreover, the record reflects that probable cause to arrest Ketchum had not yet developed, insofar as the drug contraband predicated the charges against Ketchum was apparently not discovered until well after Officer Masaki posed his questions. Nevertheless, the totality of the circumstances reflect that an innocent person in Ketchum's shoes could reasonably have believed that he or she was not free to go and was being taken into custody indefinitely; thus, the point of "de facto" arrest had arrived and, for purposes of article I, section 10 of the Hawai'i Constitution, Ketchum, therefore, was "in

custody.”

Given the layout and relatively compact size of the apartment, as well as the fact that the door accessing Bedroom 1 from the central living room stood open, see supra note 4, Ketchum could not but have been aware that numerous police officers had forcibly opened the front door, entered the apartment, and were in the process of “securing” the occupants of the apartment. It was in this context that Officer Masaki encountered Ketchum and Wright in Bedroom 1, announced his office and purpose, and ordered Ketchum and Wright to display their hands. In relatively rapid succession thereafter, Officer Masaki elicited from Ketchum his address and “turned [him] over” to the team of NVD officers while Officer Flores was serving Wright with the warrant to search the same bedroom, and another officer photographed both Ketchum and Wright where they had been discovered in Bedroom 1. Ketchum, along with all of the other occupants of the premises, was then escorted to the garage, subjected to “field booking” procedures, and, at some point, flex handcuffed. Both Detective Towne and Officer Kaya acknowledged in their testimony that, once in the garage, Ketchum was “under arrest,” and, according to Officer Flores, Ketchum was “formally” arrested when drug contraband was located in Bedroom 1, an event that, as we have noted, apparently did not occur until after Ketchum had been escorted to the garage and subjected to the field booking procedures.

The circumstances surrounding Ketchum’s questioning contrast sharply with those surrounding Ah Loo’s, which transpired within the context of a lawful temporary investigative encounter by three patrol officers in a public place and accompanied by no greater exhibition of authority than that

inherent in the officers' mere presence and no display of force whatsoever. See Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 209, 10 P.3d at 730. Officer Masaki's questioning of Ketchum, considered in a vacuum, might seem as innocuous as the officers' inquiry of Ah Loo regarding his age. However, the totality of the circumstances -- in particular, the forcible entry into the residence of numerous police officers, who were simultaneously locating and detaining any and all occupants discovered within the residence, and the fact that Officer Masaki's first act was to state his authority and order Ketchum and Wright to display their hands -- reflects a show of force and authority far exceeding that which inhered in the officers' mere presence.

We believe, on the record before us, that the point of "de facto" arrest (albeit that the arrest was unsupported by probable cause) had arrived before Officer Masaki elicited Ketchum's residential address -- and, therefore, that Ketchum was "in custody" for purposes of article I, section 10 -- for the simple reason that, given the totality of the circumstances described above, an "innocent person [in Ketchum's position] could [indeed, would] reasonably have believed that he [or she] was not free to go and that he [or she] was being taken into custody indefinitely," Kraus, 793 F.2d at 1109. We therefore hold that Officer Masaki subjected Ketchum to "custodial interrogation" for purposes of article I, section 10 of the Hawai'i Constitution. Inasmuch as that "custodial interrogation" was not preceded by the warnings prescribed by Miranda and Santiago, the prosecution failed to establish the foundation requisite to rendering Ketchum's response admissible at trial. Accordingly, the circuit court's COL Nos. 5 and 6 were not wrong.

C. The Elicitation Of Ketchum's Address During The Field Booking Procedure

The prosecution challenges the circuit court's COL No. 7, asserting that the address Ketchum provided to an officer who, under the supervision of Detective Towne, was filling out the "booking sheet" fell within the "routine booking question exception." In light of our discussion supra in section III.A.1, we construe the prosecution's argument to be that the officer did not "interrogate" Ketchum. The prosecution does not dispute that, at the time the officer elicited the information necessary to complete the booking sheet, Ketchum was "in custody" for purposes of article I, section 10; nor does the prosecution contend that the officer did not expressly question Ketchum regarding his address. Rather, the prosecution argues that "[t]he booking questions were necessary to the criminal investigation[]" and that they were "straight-forward, non-accusatory in nature, and legitimate." By contrast, Ketchum maintains that, inasmuch as the officer knew or should have known that the question was likely to elicit an incriminating response, the "routine booking question exception" does not apply.

As the prosecution asserts, obtaining Ketchum's residential address was crucial to determining whether there was probable cause to "formally" arrest Ketchum and, thus, was a reasonable component of the officers' investigation, insofar as, according to Detective Towne, whether any given occupant of the premises was a visitor partially informed the officers' decision whether to arrest that occupant. As we have indicated, however, the Miranda rule does not preclude police officers engaged in a drug raid of a residence from asking questions designed to determine whether an occupant is a visitor. So long as the point of arrest has not yet arrived, an officer is unfettered by

article I, section 10 from asking such questions in the course of his or her investigation or relying upon an occupant's response to assess whether probable cause to arrest the occupant has developed. Nor does the Miranda rule preclude an officer from asking questions of an arrestee that are necessary for the sole purpose of "booking" him or her. The point is that, if the "booking" officer knows or reasonably should know that a "routine booking question" is likely to elicit an incriminating response, he or she must administer the requisite warnings and obtain a valid waiver of the arrestee's relevant constitutional rights before posing the question if the prosecution, in a subsequent criminal prosecution of the arrestee, is to be permitted to adduce evidence of the arrestee's response without running afoul of article I, section 10 of the Hawai'i Constitution. Inasmuch as Ketchum was, in fact, under arrest and, therefore, "in custody" at the time he was subjected to the field booking procedures, we turn to the question whether the field booking officer "interrogated" him.

Although the officer asked Ketchum for the information necessary to complete the "booking sheet" shortly after Ketchum was arrested, the information was not gathered in a traditional station house or other formal booking station. The record is devoid of any evidence that the officer who obtained the information from Ketchum was ordinarily involved in booking defendants. And, most significantly, the officer reasonably should have known -- inasmuch as (1) he or she is presumed to be aware of the concept of constructive possession, see, e.g., State v. Roman, 70 Haw. 351, 358, 772 P.2d 113, 117 (1989) ("[w]e do not condone any police ignorance about the law and the consequences of a custodial interrogation" (citing State v.

Uganiza, 68 Haw. 28, 702 P.2d 1352 (1985))), (2) the search warrant authorized a search for drugs, (3) Ketchum was found within a bedroom, and (4) the officers conducted the raid early in the morning -- that asking Ketchum for his address was likely to elicit an incriminating response, to wit, that he resided in the residence identified in the search warrant. That being the case, justifying the inquiry on the ground that it was an innocuous "routine booking question" is simply another post hoc rationalization of the police having compelled Ketchum to implicate himself in the alleged crimes.

We hold that the "booking" officer obtained Ketchum's admission regarding his address as a result of "custodial interrogation." Insofar as the prosecution failed to adduce any evidence at the suppression hearing that Ketchum was first informed, inter alia, of his right against self-incrimination and that he waived that right, the circuit court correctly concluded that Ketchum's statement was inadmissible at trial. Accordingly, COL No. 7 was not wrong.

D. Detective Itomura's Elicitation Of Ketchum's Address

With regard to Detective Itomura's request that Ketchum provide his address on the form indicating that he understood his relevant constitutional rights, the prosecution challenges the circuit court's COL Nos. 8 and 9 by arguing that Detective Itomura did not "interrogate" Ketchum because he did not "design [the question] to elicit incriminating information."²⁹

Ketchum expressly indicated on the form that he did not wish to "tell" Detective Itomura "what happened," thereby expressly invoking his right to remain silent. Nonetheless,

²⁹ The prosecution does not contest that Ketchum was "in custody" when Detective Itomura requested that he write his address on the waiver form or that Ketchum invoked, and did not waive, his right to remain silent.

Detective Itomura requested that Ketchum, inter alia, write his address on the form. That the "request," according to Detective Itomura, "wasn't a question," is irrelevant, inasmuch as the request called for a response and, at the very least, was the "functional equivalent" of express questioning, see, e.g., Ah Loo, 94 Hawai'i at 210, 10 P.3d at 731 (quoting Melemai, 64 Haw. at 481 n.3, 643 P.2d at 544 n.3 (quoting Innis, 446 U.S. at 300-301)); State v. Pahio, 58 Haw. 323, 568 P.2d 1200 (1977) ("[t]o determine whether the detective's statement was tantamount to a question, we must determine whether his statement asked for a response" (discussing and citing Brewer v. Williams, 430 U.S. 387, 392 (1977))). Moreover, Detective Itomura testified that, at the time he requested that Ketchum provide his residential address, he was fully aware that Ketchum's address was relevant to prosecuting him, specifically with regard to establishing that he constructively possessed the drug contraband discovered by Detective Towne. That being the case, Detective Itomura "interrogated" Ketchum despite Ketchum's invocation of his right to remain silent. Because the record clearly reflects that Ketchum did not waive this right, the circuit court rightly concluded that the waiver form was inadmissible at trial for the purposes of establishing Ketchum's residential address. Accordingly, the circuit court's COL Nos. 8 and 9 were not wrong.

IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, we affirm the first circuit court's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order granting Ketchum's motion to suppress.

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