IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

STATE OF HAWAI, Plaintiff-Appellee,

VS.

BRANDON HILLIS, Defendant-Appellant.

APPEAL FROM THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT (CR. NO. 98-2623)

<u>ORDER</u>

(By: Moon, C.J., Levinson, Nakayama, Ramil, and Acoba, JJ.)

Upon consideration of the motion to dismiss appeal filed by Defendant-Appellant Brandon Hillis, the papers in support, and the records and files herein, Appellant states in his declaration that: (1) he knows and understands he has a right to appeal; (2) he knows and understands that if the appeal is dismissed, the sentence entered in this case will become final; and (3) he is signing the declaration to dismiss his appeal of his own free will after discussing the merits of the case and the motion to dismiss the appeal with his attorney. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion to dismiss appeal is granted, and this appeal is dismissed pursuant to HRAP Rule 43(c).

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, May 30, 2002.