



**First Circuit Court of Hawaii | Veteran's Treatment Court Program of The Judiciary of the State of Hawaii**

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Re: Rene Protacio

Subject: Veteran's Treatment Court Mentorship

Mr. Protacio has been a mentor to the Veteran's Treatment Court (VTC) program since October 2015. In 2016, Mr. Protacio began introducing our Veterans to various chanting styles derived from the teachings of Dr. and Master Zhi Gang Sha. Mr. Protacio is responsible for the inception of chanting practices into the VTC program and has since then led several meditative and chant groups with VTC clients. To date, our Veterans have expressed both their appreciation and curiosity in wanting to learn more about meditation and chants. Clients of VTC are Veterans involved in the justice system who are faced with substance abuse problems, mental health issues or a combination of both. Our Veterans exposed to meditation and chanting practices led by Mr. Protacio have immediately shared their feeling of relief from stress and sometimes even physical pain after experiencing a session. To date, VTC has several Veterans who continue to meditate and/or chant on their own recognition, due in part to the meditative exercises and chant practices experienced with Mr. Protacio. Mr. Protacio has proven to be a most valuable mentor to the VTC program and receives our support in being recognized for his service to our Veterans.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact probation officer James Brown at Hawaii Veteran's Treatment Court Program (808) 441-8909.

Sincerely,

James Brown  
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