

NO. 30040

IN THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII, Plaintiff-Appellee,  
v.  
RICHARD K. LOVELL, SR., Defendant-Appellant

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT  
NORTH AND SOUTH HILO DIVISION  
(CITATION NO. 3DTI-09-023832)

SUMMARY DISPOSITION ORDER

(By: Fujise, Presiding Judge, Leonard and Reifurth, JJ.)

Defendant-Appellant Richard K. Lovell, Sr. (Lovell) appeals from the Judgment After Trial De Novo & Notice of Entry of Judgment entered on August 27, 2009 in the District Court of the Third Circuit, North and South Hilo Division (district court).<sup>1</sup>

On August 4, 2009, the district court found that Lovell was guilty of violating Hawaii Revised Statutes § 291-11.6(a)(1), Mandatory Use of Seat Belts.

On appeal, Lovell claims, "I am unable to find any information that informs me that the constitution and laws of 'State of Hawaii' have force and or effect in the Hawaiian Kingdom and are enforceable for and/or against me while I'm in the Hawaiian Kingdom." We understand Lovell to be contesting the jurisdiction of the district court.

Upon careful review of the record and the briefs submitted by the parties and having given due consideration to the arguments advanced and the issues raised by the parties, we resolve Lovell's point of error as follows:

Lovell's claim that the district court lacked jurisdiction over him because he is presently, and was at the time of his citation, in the Kingdom of Hawai'i is without merit. *State v. Lee*, 90 Hawai'i 130, 142, 976 P.2d 444, 456 (1999) ("it is clear that the various constitutions of the kingdom do not

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<sup>1</sup> The Honorable Harry P.N. Freitas presided.

bind the current government of the state of Hawai'i"). Hawai'i's motor vehicle laws apply to anyone operating a motor vehicle on the public roadways. *State v. Fergerstrom*, 106 Hawai'i 43, 55, 101 P.3d 652, 664 (App. 2004).

Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the August 27, 2009 Judgment After Trial De Novo & Notice of Entry of Judgment is affirmed.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 29, 2010.

On the briefs:

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Presiding Judge

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Associate Judge

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