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Undersheriff May Have Been Involved in Rewald Payment

Undersheriff Frederick "Cappy" Caminos, second in command of the state sheriff's office, may have been involved in financial transactions with Ronald Rewald's companies, according to official documents.

In June 1983, Rewald signed a $10,409 check on his company's account to a car dealership "for Fred Caminos 5/28/83."

The Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong check was written to Motor Cars of Hawaii, which was half owned by Rewald. It was endorsed by William Bartenstein, Rewald's partner in the car company, Corrette Enterprises Ltd., doing business as Motor Cars of Hawaii.

It wasn't immediately clear what the money was for. Caminos wasn't available for comment.

In Federal Court yesterday, Calvin Gunderson, a Rewald associate, testified about a $3,500 check he received from Bishop, Baldwin. The check was marked as a loan.

A document submitted during Rewald's current trial says $2,000 of the money was for "Re: Kapi Caminos — One week in Maui with all accommodations fully paid plus spending money."

It couldn't be determined whether the money actually went to Caminos.

Shortly after the collapse of Rewald's financial network in August 1983, Caminos issued a sheriff's office memo saying that all privileges enjoyed by Rewald were revoked, two deputy sheriffs have said. However, it was not known what privileges were involved.

Gunderson is a private investigator and was a partner with Rewald in Legal Investigations Inc. He and Darwin Kaneaiakala, who had worked for the company, have sheriff's badges. Kaneaiakala is a fulltime deputy.

Both Gunderson and Kaneaiakala attempted to remove records from Bishop, Baldwin's office shortly after the company's collapse.

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