NO. 26384

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

STATE OF HAWAI'I, Respondent-Appellee,

vs.

ALBERT R. BATALONA, Petitioner-Appellant.

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CERTIORARI TO THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS (CR. NO. 03-1-0787)

ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

(By: Nakayama, J., for the court<sup>1</sup>)

Petitioner-Appellant's application for writ of certiorari filed on March 2, 2006, is hereby denied.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, March 13, 2006.

FOR THE COURT:

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Associate Justice

## DISSENT BY ACOBA, J., IN WHICH DUFFY, J., JOINS

I respectfully dissent from the denial of certiorari. Based on my dissent in <u>State v. Rivera</u>, 106 Hawai'i 146, 102 P.3d 1044 (2004), I would grant certiorari and vacate the circuit court's sentence.

Mary Ann Barnard for petitioner-appellant on the writ

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Considered by: Moon, C.J., Levinson, Nakayama, Acoba, and Duffy, JJ.