

**“Hawaii’s Hideous Treatment of American Women,”** was a headline run by the New York Times newspaper in the 1930’s after the Massie vs. Kahahawai trial became national news. Joseph Kahahawai, a Native Hawaiian, was wrongly accused of raping Mrs. Massie, a socialite married to a white naval officer. Kahahawai suffered because of the racial hysteria that hit the country and was allegedly killed by Mr. Massie, who suffered no consequences. Friends that were with Kahahawai the night of the alleged rape also suffered extreme prejudice mistreatments. *The effects of racism and prejudice placed a significant role in the consequences that resulted from the Massie vs. Kahahawai trial.*