

CRIMINAL JUSTICE and the **MEDIA:**

HAWAII 5-O VS. HAWAII 5-0 VS. REALITY

For those over 40 years of age, *Hawaii 5-O* was a television series that aired from 1968 to 1980 and starred Jack Lord as Detective Lieutenant Steve McGarrett. The title of the show was *Hawaii 5-O* ending with the letter O. Everyone's favorite line was when McGarrett would look to his partner Danny Williams and say, "Book 'em Danno."

For all other ages, CBS created a re-imagined *Hawaii 5-0* in 2010, this time with the title ending with a zero (although everyone still pronounces it like the letter O). In this new series, Steve McGarrett, played by Australian

actor Alex O'Loughlin, is a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve who teams with Honolulu detective Danny "Danno" Williams.

The concept for the original show is believed to have been based on a special unit that a one-time governor of Hawaii had proposed, but the reality is that Hawaii 5-O, or 5-0, does not exist. Hawaii has a Department of Public Safety, which includes a law enforcement division that oversees the Sheriff Division and the Narcotics Enforcement Division. Otherwise, all policing falls under local (island) responsibility.