**KPD increases patrols around schools**

LIHU’E – As the country witnessed yet another school shooting yesterday in Uvalde, Texas, the Kaua’i Police Department is taking active steps toward securing our schools and preventing any such tragedy from happening in our community.

“We are deeply saddened to learn of the loss of innocent children and staff at the deadly mass shooting today in Texas. As a precaution, KPD has decided to increase police presence and patrols at schools across the island to support our School Resource Officers, our community and provide added safety and security until the end of the school year,” said Patrol Services Bureau Assistant Chief Kalani Ke. “Our thoughts are with those affected by this tragedy.”

The community is encouraged to report any potential criminal activity to Kaua’i Police Department Dispatch at 241-1711. Anonymous tips can also be made online by visiting Crime Stoppers Kaua’i at [www.cskauai.org](http://www.cskauai.org).