Kalāheo man dies of apparent drowning while surfing in waters off Poʻipū Beach

POʻIPŪ – Gary Schultz, a 61-year-old Kalāheo man, died of an apparent drowning on Tuesday morning while surfing in waters off Poʻipū Beach.

According to a preliminary report, a call was made to the Kauaʻi Police Department’s Dispatch Center around 8:15 a.m. that indicated that a man was found unresponsive in the ocean fronting the Marriott’s Waiohai Beach Club at Poʻipū Beach.

Kauaʻi Fire Department personnel from the Kōloa fire station, lifeguards, and American Medical Response, were notified and immediately responded.

Multiple attempts to revive Schultz were unsuccessful.

He was transported to Wilcox Medical Center and where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy is scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

Volunteers with Life’s Bridges, a grief counseling service, were contacted to offer support to the man’s family and friends.

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