Police seek public’s help in identifying owner of adrift kayak on North Shore

HANAKĀPĪ‘AI — Kaua‘i police are seeking the public’s help in identifying the owner of a red kayak that was found floating off Hanakāpī‘ai Beach waters this afternoon.

The Kaua‘i Fire Department, Ocean Safety Bureau, and the U.S. Coast Guard are currently deployed and have continued their search efforts in the Kē‘ē area since an initial report was made regarding the empty kayak around 1:45 p.m.

First responders have since located a straw hat near the kayak, as well as personal belongings inside of the vessel.

According to a preliminary report, a man was seen today around 11 a.m. in a red kayak near Kē‘ē Beach heading towards Hanakāpī‘ai. He was wearing a straw hat and black and blue wetsuit.

A missing person report has not yet been filed.

If you have any information regarding this person, please immediately contact the Kaua‘i Police Department Dispatch Center at 241-1711.

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