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Male visitor dies in waters off Kauapea Beach

KĪLAUEA – Kaua'i police report that a male visitor died in waters off Kauapea Beach, in Kīlauea, Wednesday afternoon.

He has been identified as 31-year-old Jonathan Seim of Washington.

Shortly before 2:30 p.m., Seim went swimming in waters off Kauapea Beach, also known as Secret Beach, when he became distressed and yelled out for help. Bystanders entered the water and found him face down roughly 20 feet from the shoreline. They brought the unresponsive man to shore and began administering CPR.

Hanalei firefighters, lifeguards from the North Roving Patrol Unit, and medics were dispatched to the scene and took over resuscitation efforts, but the man could not be revived.

Seim was transported to Mahelona Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy is pending to determine the cause of his death, but foul play is not suspected.

Volunteers with Life's Bridges, a grief counseling service, assisted the man's family.

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