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#### **Missing woman found safe in ravine**

KALĀHEO – Kaua'i police on Thursday located missing woman Emi Oka alive in a ravine behind the homes on Kakela Makai Drive in Kalāheo.

At approximately 7:45 a.m., a resident of Kakela Makai Drive called police after hearing what sounded like a female screaming for help from a vegetated area nearby. Officers responded to the area and soon discovered a woman stranded in the nearby ravine.

Police identified her as Emi Oka, age 40, of Kalāheo, who had been missing since Jan. 31.

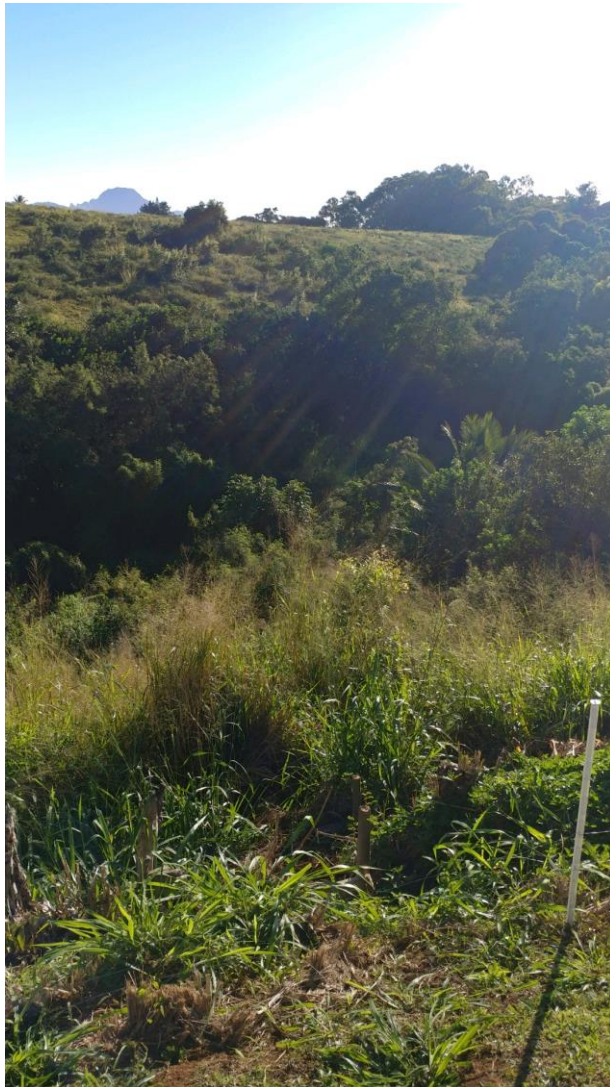
Firefighters from the Kalāheo fire station were dispatched to the scene, where they walked into the valley and guided Oka out to safety.

No injuries were reported, but Oka displayed signs of dehydration and weight loss.

Oka was transported by medics to Wilcox Hospital for further treatment.

“We are happy and relieved that Emi Oka is safe, and has been reunited with her family,” stated Acting Chief of Police Michael Contrades. “I commend and thank all involved who have worked tirelessly in their search efforts this past week – Det. Barry Deblake and our KPD investigators, our Kaua'i Search and Rescue Volunteer Canine Team along with scent-tracking canine King, Kaua'i Coffee personnel, the Kaua'i Fire Department, and Oka's family and friends. We are also very grateful for our community, and those who provided information which ultimately led to today's successful outcome.”





Above photo shows the area where Emi Oka was found safe on Thursday.

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