Visitor dies in waters off Anahola

ANAHOLA – A 26-year-old man visiting from Germany died in waters off Anahola on Thursday morning.

His identity is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

According to a preliminary investigation, the man was surfing in waters off Anahola Beach, fronting the area known as Kumu Camp, when he lost his board and became distressed in a series of waves shortly before 10:30 a.m.

Lifeguards responded and pulled the unresponsive man to shore, where they began administering CPR. Lifeguards, along with firefighters dispatched to the scene, continued resuscitation efforts until the man was transferred to responding medics. He was transported to Wilcox Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy is pending; however, foul play is not suspected in the cause of his death.

Volunteers from Life’s Bridges, a grief counseling service, assisted the man’s family.

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