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No sign of missing swimmer as search continues today

POLIHALE – Officials report that there are no signs of 33-year-old Fathi Twalib of Kalāheo, as a multi-agency search continues in waters off Polihale State Park on Thursday.

Additionally, the beach remains closed for swimming as several shark sightings were reported in the area.

The two-day search is likely to be suspended at the end of the day if there are no signs or reports of the swimmer.

Personnel with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kaua'i Fire Department, Ocean Safety Bureau, Kaua'i Police Department, and Rescue 3 aboard Air 1 resumed their search for the missing man on Thursday morning.

According to a preliminary report, Kaua'i Fire Department personnel responded to a report of a missing swimmer at Polihale State Park on Tuesday at approximately 7:30 p.m. A witness reported that the swimmer apparently failed to resurface after ducking into the water, approximately 10 feet from shore.





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