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Skydive plane, jumpers safe after emergency landing

HANAPĒPĒ – Officials responded to an emergency landing of a plane owned by Skydive Kaua'i on Monday morning, in which four parachute jumpers deployed and landed safely without injuries.

At approximately 9:50 a.m. Monday, emergency responders were notified of a mayday call from Skydive Kaua'i.

The company was conducting a skydive tour when the pilot of the plane reported a mechanical issue at 4,000 feet above Hanapēpē town.

According to a preliminary police report, the pilot instructed the four passengers – a male instructor with a female tandem jumper on one parachute, and a female instructor with a male tandem jumper on a second parachute – to exit the aircraft.

The pilot declared an emergency landing, and safely landed the plane at Port Allen Airport without incident.

Following the mayday call, rescue specialists aboard Air 1 located the female jump-instructor with her passenger in a remote, grassy area near Hanapēpē Valley. They were transported via Air 1 back to the Skydive Kaua'i office in Hanapēpē.

The male jump-instructor and his passenger landed safely at 'Ele'ele Elementary School and returned to Skydive Kaua'i via a private vehicle.

No injuries were reported, and all individuals were released at the scene after being assessed by awaiting medics.

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