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First responders rescue 3 visitors in Po'ipū waters Thursday

PO'IPŪ – First responders conducted an ocean rescue involving three California visitors in Po'ipū Thursday afternoon.

No injuries were reported.

At approximately 1 p.m. on Thursday, first responders were dispatched to an ocean rescue at a surf spot commonly known as Acid Drops in Po'ipū.

Personnel with the Koloa fire station and the Ocean Safety Bureau South Roving Ski Patrol

responded to the incident.

According to a preliminary report, first responders arrived on scene and discovered three individuals on flotation devices fronting an area commonly known as Baby Beach. According to reports, the individuals were caught in a current at Acid Drops and drifted about half a mile to Baby Beach.

Firefighters on scene advised the individuals not to land on the rocks for their safety. Instead,

OSB personnel on jet ski shuttled the visitors back to shore, fronting Acid Drops, near Lāwa'i Beach.

The scene was cleared at approximately 1:10 p.m.

For up-to-date information about Kaua'i ocean conditions and ocean safety, please speak to a county lifeguard at any lifeguard station, visit <u>www.hawaiibeachsafety.com</u>, or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 80241-4984.