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Visitor dies of apparent drowning while snorkeling in waters off Poʻipū Beach

POʻIPŪ – Mack Lewis, a 50-year-old visitor from California, died of an apparent drowning on

Monday afternoon while snorkeling in waters off Poʻip $\bar{\text{u}}$ Beach.

According to a preliminary report, a call was made to the Kaua'i Police Department's Dispatch

Center around 2:00 pm that indicated that a man was found unresponsive in the sand bar off Poʻipū

Beach.

Kaua'i Fire Department personnel from the Koloa fire station, lifeguards, and American

Medical Response were notified and immediately responded. Multiple attempts to revive Lewis were

unsuccessful.

He was transported to Wilcox Medical Center and was pronounced dead. An autopsy is

scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

Volunteers with Life's Bridges, a grief counseling service, were contacted to offer support to

the man's family and friends.

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