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### **Kaua'i police mourn loss of off-duty officer**

HANAPĒPĒ – On January 5, around 11 a.m., Kaua'i Police Department's Sergeant David Banquel, age 47, was found unresponsive at his residence in Hanapēpē while off duty.

The cause of death for the 17-year veteran of KPD was determined to be acute respiratory failure due to Covid-19 viral respiratory infection.

"I am deeply saddened to report the unexpected loss of one of our very best, Sergeant David Banquel. His sudden passing has left us all with a sense of deep loss and grief," said Chief of Police Todd G. Raybuck. "My words can never truly express the depth of Dave's kindness, compassion, and love that he had had for his family, friends, and this community. He was the very embodiment of the definition of a loving husband, caring father, loyal brother, thoughtful friend and humble public servant. Dave always placed others before himself and he will forever be remembered for the laughter, love, and aloha he shared with friends and strangers alike.

"We appreciate the kind support received from our community during this difficult time as we grieve the loss of a member of our KPD 'ohana. No further statements will be provided at this time, and I humbly request that Dave's family be given the space and privacy they deserve as they mourn their loss."



**Sergeant David Banquel**

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