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911 REPORT

Girl arrested in sculpture vandalism case

Honolulu police arrested a 15-year-old girl in connection with the vandalism of a sand sculpture display at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki.

Police arrested the juvenile Tuesday on suspicion of second-degree criminal property damage.

CrimeStoppers Honolulu sought the public's help last week in identifying two suspects involved in the vandalism that took place at the hotel at about 11:15 p.m. Aug. 12.

Police released a surveillance video that showed an unknown female repeatedly striking the sculpture with a pillow.

She then climbed onto a protective barrier surrounding the artwork and defaced the sculpture with her hand while another female recorded the act on a cellular phone.

Sgt. Chris Kim of Crimestoppers said they received tips from the public on the identification of the suspects, both described as juveniles and residents of Oahu.

Police arrested one of the suspects Tuesday. The second suspect has yet to be arrested. The sculpture, which represents the Makahiki season, has since been restored by the artist.

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NEWSWATCH

Surf advisory, record temperatures continue

A high surf advisory remains in place for the south-facing shores of all Hawaiian islands through 6 a.m. today.

National Weather Service forecasters expect trades to weaken today and Friday due to a shallow surface front approaching from the north.

Trades are expected to pick up once again for the weekend.

The summer trend of record high temperatures continues more than midway through August.

HPD warns of police training academy scam

The Honolulu Police Department is warning the public of a text and email scam that claims to be sent from its training academy.

According to HPD, a citizen received a text on his phone that said: "Congratulations, your application has been received and evaluated. You have been formally selected as a replacement to a trainee that optioned out. The training is in progress, you are expected to report to the academy on 30th August."

The email and text is from someone claiming to be a public relations officer named Puch Bannet for the Honolulu Police Training Academy, with its Waipahu address.

The email and text then says there will be an interview, followed by an induction. It continues with: "You are expected to pay a training fee of \$8,000, on or before 24th August to the Academy account. This fee is refundable if you option out or if you fail the interview scheduled on 30th August."

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NEIGHBOR ISLANDS

KAUAI

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Beaches close after 2 sharks attack and kill dolphin

A shark sighting Wednesday morning prompted Ocean Safety officials to close beaches for swimming from Ha'ena to Ke'e on Kauai's north shore.

A man surfing in the waters off Ke'e said he saw two sharks attack and kill a dolphin. He later brought the dolphin carcass ashore and notified lifeguards of the incident around 9:30 a.m.

Ocean Safety officials closed beaches from Ha'ena to Ke'e for swimming as a safety precaution. Warning signs have been posted.

Lifeguards will reassess the area this morning.

MAUI

Swimmer uses rescue tube to aid man caught by tide

A 25-year-old swimmer used a rescue tube to help save a 37-year-old Oakland, Calif., man who got swept out into the surf by a rip tide in Hana at Koki Beach.

The 25-year-old man already had swum out with a rescue tube to the victim, who was supporting himself with the tube, when firefighters arrived, the Maui Fire Department said.

Two rescue tubes are available at Koki Beach.

The man was 150 feet offshore at the northern end of the beach.

A firefighter swam out with another rescue tube, and other firefighters got a rescue surfboard ready (which was not used).

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