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Fire Department personnel from Boat 34, left, and Rescue 1 helped Police Department investigators search Hanauma Bay on March 5 for additional human remains. A leg had been found in the bay during the weekend.

Leg found in Hanauma still eludes identification

Question: What ever happened to the investigation of the human leg found at Hanauma Bay?

Answer: Honolulu police still do not know whose leg a diver found under 30 feet of water in Hanauma Bay on March 2, but they have a list of missing people to whom it did not belong.

That list includes Alzheimer's patient Masayuki Kubo, who has been missing since last June 23; Takeshi Mizuguchi, the only victim of the Ehime Maru disaster whose body was not recovered; Kaiser Moanalua Clinic physician Eugene Amgard, whose Boston Whaler was found drifting in waters off Diamond Head on Aug. 24, 2000; and nightclub promoter Carlos Carillo, who was last seen in a fight with a bouncer at a Waikiki nightclub on July 4, 2000.

The skeleton of a complete left leg — from hip to foot — had a break below the knee that had healed, said Officer Joe Self of the Honolulu Police Department Missing Persons Detail, and none of the people named above had such an injury.

"We've been contacting the families of missing persons to find out whether they had a broken leg," he said.

Police are contacting the families of people missing as far

back as 1994, Self said.

They have also determined that the leg does not belong to Massachusetts visitor Rachel Cardoza, who was swept out to sea by high surf Nov. 8 in Pupukea.

Police believe the leg was that of a man because of its size. But because there is no definitive way to determine whether the leg belongs to a man or a woman, they are also checking with the families of tall missing women.

The leg had some flesh on the foot, which could provide DNA that could be matched with a suspected missing person. However, police will not submit samples for the costly analysis until they have zeroed in on a single candidate.

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