



ACTIVITY: Picking opihi

CASE: [GSAF 2008.06.28.c](#)

DATE: Saturday June 28, 2008

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at or near Kamilo Point in Ka'u on the south coast of the Big Island, Hawaii County, Hawaii, USA.

NAME: Nathan Labarios

DESCRIPTION: He was a 58-year-old male from Kainaliu, Kona. He was wearing shorts and carrying a bag to collect ophii (limpets).

BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: Fire Capt. Greg Kane said the coastline consists of cliff faces 30 to 40 feet high with open ocean waves that constantly crash on its shores. Kamilo, which means “swirling current”, is a large bay-like indentation in the point which has been cut by the waves into an assortment of rocky ponds, points and channels, most of which are exposed at low tides and awash at high tides. A narrow ribbon of white sand forms a beach along the inland border of the low-lying tidal area which is littered with almost every type of debris that the ocean has to offer: logs, driftwood, ropes, nets, and trash from passing ships.

NARRATIVE: Labarios was camping with friends near Kamilo Point about five miles from South Point. He was last seen at 11h00 before he left to pick opihi alone. He was reported missing Saturday afternoon at 16h45 by his friends.



INJURY: Presumed fatal. Hawaii County fire fighters recovered shredded shorts, a bag to collect the small limpets and human remains with what appeared to be shark bites. It was hoped that an autopsy would determine if the remains were those of the missing man.

SOURCES: Honolulu Star Bulletin, Monday, June 30, 2008
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