

Body washed ashore on Oregon coast ID™d as Aloha teen

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LINCOLN CITY, Ore. — Police recently announced the body that washed ashore onto a Lincoln City beach on April 8 has been positively identified as that of 16-year-old Ross Barfuss, an Aloha teen that entered the heavy surf off the Oregon coast to help an 11-year-old child caught in a rip tide a month earlier.

The teenager's body washed ashore near the Nordic Oceanfront Inn in Lincoln Center last month, but remained unidentified until DNA samples taken from family members helped the Lincoln County Medical Examiner to make a positive identification through work completed at the Oregon State Police (OSP) Portland Metro Forensic Laboratory.

Barfuss and his family were on an outing at Gleneden Beach March 8 when Ross spotted the younger boy being swept to sea and went to help. Despite Barfuss's efforts, 11-year-old River Jenison of Westfir died at a local hospital after he was pulled from the water.

The families of the boys were not acquainted, OSP reported.

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