

Surfer dies on Oregon coast near Yaquina

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A 26-year old surfer overcome by a series of large waves on Yaquina Head near the north end of Newport in Lincoln County died Tuesday afternoon, Oregon State Police (OSP) reported.

The male victim, whose name is being withheld pending notification of his parents who are scheduled to return from a trip outside of the country sometime today, was surfing with two friends when a series of large waves overcame the group. The victim became unresponsive, and one of his friends â€“ men ages 25 and 33 â€“ stayed with him while the other began to return to shore for help, troopers said.

Yaquina Head Lighthouse from the southeast

A citizen onshore watching the situation unfold called emergency dispatch about 4:22 p.m., OSP reported in a news release, and surf conditions deteriorated to the point where the friend remaining with the victim had to return to shore.

United States Coast Guard (USCG) responded to the scene and brought the victim to shore where Newport Fire & Rescue personnel began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), which continued as he was flown by USCG helicopter to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital. Resuscitation efforts continued, but the man was pronounced deceased at 6:17 p.m., troopers reported.

The other two surfers were not injured.

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