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### **Two men rescued after boat capsizes in waters off Kapa'a on Friday**

KAPA'A – Two men were rescued Friday afternoon after their boat capsized in waters off Kapa'a.

At approximately 4 p.m., first responders received a report of a capsized boat about a quarter of a mile out from Pono Kai Resort.

Kapa'a firefighters and lifeguards with the East Roving Patrol Unit were dispatched to Kapa'a Beach Park, where they located the capsized boat and saw the two men hanging on top. Personnel headed to the Waieka Boat Ramp, where lifeguards launched into the water on Jet Ski.

Lifeguards pulled the two men off the boat and returned to the ramp, where awaiting AMR medics assessed their injuries. Both victims, a 66-year-old man of Kapa'a and a 69-year-old man of Kilauea, sustained non-life threatening lacerations. Medics assisted both men and treated their wounds. They both refused further treatment and were released at the scene.

Lifeguards on Jet Ski returned to the capsized boat to see if they could pull it away from the reef, but they were unsuccessful. The boat remains capsized in waters fronting the Kapa'a Swimming Pool as of Saturday.

Responding personnel cleared the scene at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Officials from state DLNR and the U.S. Coast Guard were also notified of the incident.

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