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USS Russell (DDG 59) recovers body of man overboard

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – A 32-year-old Sailor from USS Russell (DDG 59) was pronounced dead at 6:35 p.m. local June 6 after being recovered from the ocean by the ship's Search and Rescue swimmer (SAR).

The crew of the Hawaii-based Russell responded to a man overboard at approximately 5:30 p.m. local while conducting operations approximately 50 miles off the coast of the island of Oahu. The Sailor, who was unconscious and not breathing, was recovered from the water approximately 15 min later and CPR was immediately administered.

The 32-year-old Sailor was a 2nd class petty officer (E-5) who first reported to USS Russell in January 2009. Release of his identification is pending until 24 hours after notification of next of kin. A formal investigation is being conducted.

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