



## **Joint Statement from the City of Pacific Grove, City of Monterey, and U.S. Coast Guard FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **SWIMMER MISSING OFF LOVERS POINT IN PACIFIC GROVE Search and Rescue Operations Conducted on December 21**

Pacific Grove, Calif. – The Pacific Grove Police Department (PGPD) and Monterey Fire Department (MFD) were called about a missing swimmer off Lovers Point in Pacific Grove at 12:04 p.m. on Sunday, December 21, 2025. Two witnesses indicated the swimmer may have encountered a shark while swimming offshore near Lovers Point. PGPD and MFD initiated joint command for the incident and began conducting a search and rescue mission with support from the United States Coast Guard, Monterey County Sheriff's Office, and California State Parks.

By 8:00 p.m., the swimmer was still not sighted. Efforts will resume in the morning by the Pacific Grove Police Department, Monterey Fire Department, Monterey County Sheriff's Office, and the United States Coast Guard. The family of the swimmer has been notified of the situation. More details will be provided as they become available.

Five Pacific Grove Police Department personnel responded to the incident, including a commander and officers. A total of 16 Monterey Fire Department personnel responded to the incident, including a chief officer and the Monterey Fire Department's fire boat. Additionally, a small boat crew from U.S. Coast Guard Station Monterey, and multiple helicopter air crews from U.S. Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco participated in the search.



Lovers Point Beach in Pacific Grove, and McAbee and San Carlos Beaches in Monterey will remain closed through Tuesday, December 23. A beach advisory will remain in place for Asilomar State Beach, Monterey Municipal Beach, Del Monte Beach, and Monterey State Beach through December 23.

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