

Aloha,

My name is Makani Christensen. I am concerned about the safety of Kaluanui Road due to recent events (Kaluanui Road is the windy road cresting Mariners Ridge). On Saturday, I witnessed a tragedy that burnt a hole deep into the hearts of many, and must stimulate the county to investigate and provide meaningful solutions in regards to traffic signals, signs, and potentially road bumps on Kaluanui Road, an area plagued with traffic accidents and tragedy.

On Saturday, 26 January 2008, at about 9 a.m. my roommate James said, "I'll see you later," as he left for a meeting in Kaneohe. He recently started a business and was eager to meet with his associates. I left about thirty minutes later to find paramedics, police officers, and firefighters crowding around my roommate's crippled body—his bike about 50 yards away. The site was gruesome! A bright red blood trail about 10 feet long flowed from my roommates lungs onto the sidewalk. He recognized me, but his eyes... his eyes were filled with tears and fear of the unknown. He gasped as he tried to talk to me, and as he spoke blood peculated from his mouth.

My roommate almost died that morning, and is still recovering. He suffered from multiple broken ribs, a ruptured spleen, punctured lungs, and worst of all a broken spine. He will never feel his legs again.

This tragedy is not singular. Today, 28 January, on my way home from work I witnessed the remnants of what looked like a head on collision between two vehicles in exactly the same location as my roommates misfortune. Hopefully no one was injured. I have lived on Mariners Ridge for about 5 months now and have seen many accidents on Kaluanui Road. We need to make Kaluanui Road safer.

I am humbly asking for your help.

Mahalo

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