

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2009.10.09

DATE: Friday October 9, 2009

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Pacific Ocean at San Onofre State Beach near "Old Man's", San Diego County, California, USA.

NAME: Bernard Wagor

BACKGROUND

TIME: 11h00

NARRATIVE: "I was just taking off on a wave, laying prone on my board and paddling with my lower legs positioned perpendicular to my board/prone position, I heard the wave breaking behind me and was about to stand up when all of a sudden, I felt what I would say is a very hard 'kick' to my lower left leg shin. At first I thought I was being hit by someone else's board. I proceeded to stand up and looked back, no one else in the place I was hit and no other board, also no one else on the wave. I looked at my leg and it was bleeding. After the ride was over, I paddled back out, looking for any debris and to see if anybody out there thought they may have hit me or if I may have 'dropped in' on somebody I did not see coming. No, nobody felt like that was the case for them or anyone they saw. I sat out there for a few minutes and my leg continued to bleed and I am now noticing a piece of 'flesh' hanging out of the wound. I paddled in and washed it off and asked if anybody on shore saw anything."



INJURY: Laceration with avulsion to shin of left leg.

TREATMENT: "I ended up going to the emergency room at the hospital in San Clemente where they gave me 4 stitches."

SPECIES: Not identified

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Ralph Collier