

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2013.05.08.b](#)

DATE: Wednesday May 8, 2013

LOCATION: The accident most likely took place off San Diego's Tourmaline Surf Park, San Diego County, California, USA.

NAME: Brandon Beaver

DESCRIPTION: He was a 42-year-old male.

NARRATIVE: On Wednesday night the man's fiancée reported him missing when he didn't come back from surfing.



Brandon Beaver

Another surfer told the local news station that he had seen Beaver out on the water on Wednesday. "I just saw him paddle off shore out there, going north just by himself," Neil Ratnavara said. "There were still a few people in the water. Not too waves, but there was nothing odd about that."

On Wednesday evening, lifeguards received an emergency call that someone was far out in the ocean off Tourmaline Surf Park in the North Pacific Beach area of San Diego. The caller reported that a man was hanging off a surfboard and appeared to be in trouble, Everhart said. The Coast Guard and lifeguards conducted an extensive search using helicopters, boats and watercraft but were unable to find the person. They did recover the surfboard with a wetsuit tied around it, he said. "I don't mean that it was attached to the surfboard by the leash," Everhart added, declining to speculate on why the man apparently removed his wet suit. "It was an intentional act. He took the wetsuit off and tied it securely around his surfboard."

People suffering from advanced stages of hypothermia will sometimes remove their clothing due to an altered mental state. Early on Thursday, a person walking on the sand found the man's body washed up in kelp on the beach near Tourmaline, Everhart said.

A person walking along the shoreline spotted the surfer's naked body around 3:30am on Thursday.

An autopsy concluded that the surfer drowned before his body was bitten by sharks.