



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2016.06.15.b](#)

DATE: Wednesday June 15, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Kalapaki Beach, Kauai, Hawaii, USA.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: A male from Kauai.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 06h08, Lihu airport recorded mostly cloudy skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 75°F, dew point 70°F, humidity 84%, sea level pressure 30.14 inches and wind direction was ENE at 15 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 82% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, June 11, 2016.

SEA CONDITIONS: Turbid

ENVIRONMENT: At 06h30, surfer Kekoa Kinimaka spotted a four to five foot shark on the left side of the bay. At the time of the incident, Kinimaka said about five people were in the water. "I saw a few people on the shore break, and they thought it was a dolphin, but it was no dolphin," he said. Kinimaka said the shark left the area around 08h00. Kalapaki Beach, which fronts the Marriott Hotel in Līhue is not a lifeguard protected beach.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 25 to 30 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Six feet

TIME: 05h35 or 06h00

NARRATIVE: The surfer was paddling out when he was bitten by a shark. The DLNR posted warning signs along a two-mile stretch of Kalapaki Beach on the southeastern shore.

INJURY: He sustained a single puncture wound to his upper right arm.

TREATMENT: The surfer drove himself to the hospital, where he was treated and later released, according to a DLNR report.

SPECIES: Local authorities believed the incident to involve a reef shark estimated to be three- to four-feet in length.

SOURCES: Maui Now, June 15, 2016

<http://mauinow.com/2016/06/15/kaua%CA%BBi-surfer-says-he-was-bitten-by-3-4-ft-shark/>

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