

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 1984.06.05

DATE: Tuesday 5 June 1984

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Kane'ohe Bay, O'ahu, Hawaii, USA.

NAME: Susan Buecher

DESCRIPTION: She was a 13-year-old female.

BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: Kane'ohe Bay, located on the windward side (east coast) of O'ahu, is Hawaii's largest bay and reef-sheltered lagoon. It is scattered with small islands and beautiful coral reefs. The edges of the bay are rimmed with historic fishponds built by Hawaiian chiefs. It also houses the Marine Corps Base Hawaii, the head of the Marines' U.S. operations in Hawaii.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 400 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Five feet

TIME: 17h00

NARRATIVE: She was towing her sister on a plastic ski board when she was bitten by a shark.

INJURY: Her foot was bitten and tendons were damaged.

TREATMENT: Surgery and a lower leg cast.

SPECIES: It was thought the incident involved a 1.2 m to 1.5 m [4' to 5'] hammerhead shark.

SOURCES: Jim Borg, page 76; Leighton Taylor (1993), pages 106-107

