

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1992.12.23

DATE: Friday December 23, 1992

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Chun's Reef, Laniakea, O'ahu, Hawaii, USA.

NAME: Gary M. Chun

He is a 30-year-old male from Kaneohe.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon

ENVIRONMENT: The surfer was "near a channel where the current flows like a river through a break in the reef" when he encountered the shark.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE:

100 yards

TIME: 17h30

NARRATIVE: The surfer was with a group of 20 or more surfers. He was lying on his board and waiting for a wave when it was bitten by the shark.

INJURY: The surfer sustained a minor laceration to a finger on his left hand.



EQUIPMENT DAMAGE: The shark removed a 15-inch crescent-shaped chunk from the fiberglass board.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The incident involved a 10 to 16 foot [3 to 4.9 metre] tiger shark, *Galeocerdo cuvier*.

SOURCE: Orlando Sentinel, December 25, 1992, page A20; Gadsden Times, Friday December 25, 1992, page A2; Jim Borg, page 50.

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