

ACTIVITY: Body boarding

CASE: [GSAF 2001.03.23](#)

DATE: Friday March 23, 2001

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Sandy Beach, located on the southwest side of O'ahu, Hawaii, USA.

NAME: Michael Mendez

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, March 23, 2001

SEA CONDITIONS: Breaking waves

ENVIRONMENT: Sandy Beach, just 20 minutes from Waikiki, faces Molokai and the current-wild Molokai Channel. The area is host to numerous surfing, body surfing, boogie boarding and skim boarding competitions.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 30 to 40 yards

DEPTH: Six to eight feet

TIME: 14h40

NARRATIVE: No details

INJURY: He sustained minor cuts to his left hand.

DAMAGE TO SURFBOARD: A portion of body board's front left corner was removed.

SPECIES: Not identified. It was thought the incident may have involved a reef shark three to five feet in length.

SOURCES: Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources
Honolulu Star-Bulletin, April 8, 2004.



Sandy Beach, O'ahu