

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: **GSF 2003.08.12**

DATE: Tuesday August 12, 2003

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Venice Beach, Los Angeles County, California, USA.

34.0°N, 118.5°W

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: The swimmer is a 31-year-old male from Wisconsin.



Santa Monica Pier from Venice Beach

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: It was a clear, cloudless night. There was no wind and the air temperature was about 68°F [20°C].

MOON PHASE: Full Moon

TIME: 00h30 (30 minutes after midnight)

NARRATIVE: The man was on a midnight swim with friends when he felt a sharp pain in his ankle. His friends helped the man out of the water, and someone called 911.

INJURY: There were two deep puncture wounds in the swimmer's left ankle.

FIRST AID: Paramedics stopped the bleeding and transported him to UCLA Medical Center.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The swimmer believed that he had been bitten by a shark, but medical personnel were unable to confirm that the injury had been inflicted by a shark, and thus this incident is classified as a questionable incident.

SOURCE: ABC News