

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 2005.11.02.a

**DATE:** Wednesday November 2, 2005

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Ocean Beach, San Francisco, California, USA.

**NAME:** Jake Daneman

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 26-year-old male from Santa Rosa. He is six feet tall, 185 pounds and was clad in a black wetsuit. He is in orthopedic sales.

### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** It was a “gloomy” day and the air temperature was 55° to 58°F.

**MOON PHASE:** New Moon, November 1, 2005.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The sea temperature was in the low 50s (F) the sea surface was choppy. Underwater visibility was nil. The surfer was not aware of any sharks in the area, although he knew there had been incidents there.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The incident took place over a sandy bottom.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 100 yards

**DEPTH OF WATER:** 10 to 25 feet

**TIME:** 07h15

**NARRATIVE:** Jake Daneman had been in the water 30 to 45 minutes. “I dropped into a right breaking wave, which is my backside, and continued to do a hard bottom turn and then the back of my board was jolted about a foot and a half or so,” said Daneman. “I fell and recovered my board quickly to avoid the second wave and as I looked up I saw a 12 to 14 inch dorsal fin 20 feet away from me.” The dorsal fin moved parallel to the surfer for several seconds and then slowly submerged. The surfer caught the next wave into shore and ran the last 50 feet to dry sand.

**INJURY:** The surfer was not injured.

**SPECIES:** According to the surfer, the incident involved a white shark 12 to 14 feet in length. The diver recognized the shark by its dorsal fin when it was 20 feet from him, slowly submerging after it knocked him from his board.

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