

**ACTIVITY:** Kayaking

**CASE:** [GSAF 2006.02.01.a](#)

**DATE:** Wednesday February 1, 2006

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean off Pu'u Ola'i in Makena, Maui, Hawaii, USA.

**NAME:** Dan Lankheit

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 57-year-old male from Minnesota.

### BACKGROUND

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Crescent, 8% of the Moon was visible.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** A mile or more

**NARRATIVE:** Dan Lanheit was with another kayaker when a shark bumped his kayak. He said the shark followed him for 10 to 15 minutes before the 32-foot dive boat *Kai Anela* approached. The boat, owned by Maui Dive Shop, took both kayakers aboard and dropped them closer to shore.

**INJURY:** No injury

**SPECIES:** According to the kayakers, the shark was about 15 to 18 feet in length. Russell Sparks of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources Aquatic Resources Division said the animal was likely a tiger shark. Because the incident took place far from shore, no action was taken to warn beachgoers, he said. A tiger shark was also suspected in a December 21, 2005 attack off Kihei, Maui, in which a San Diego swimmer lost part of his left hand.

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