ACTIVITY: Surfing
CASE: GSAF 2012.04.03
DATE: Tuesday April 3, 2012
LOCATION: The incident took place at a surf break known as "Leftovers" near Chun's Reef Support Park on Oahu's North Shore, Hawaii, USA.

NAME: Joshua Holley
DESCRIPTION: A 28-year-old male from Waialua.

BACKGROUND
MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 88% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, April 6, 2012.
SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky.
ENVIRONMENT: "Other surfers had seen a shark as well, and there have been some reports of sharks in the 10-foot range over the last week or so," said Lt. John Hoogsteden of the Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division.
DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 40 yards
DEPTH OF WATER: 35 to 40 feet, estimated
TIME: 12h38

NARRATIVE: Joshua Holley had been in the water about 90 minutes and was paddling his board in the channel between Alligator Rock and Leftovers. "I felt this unreal push on the left side of my body and it was like this popping sensation on my foot, and I look down to my left and I see this huge dorsal fin," said Holley. He said the shark bit his left foot and then started swimming to the front of the board. Holley punched the shark twice and the shark left. As he paddled in, two surfers (Thomas and Jason) helped him to shore.

Joshua Holley leaves Wahiawa General Hospital

Lifeguards posted warning signs at Alii Beach Park, Chun's Reef Support Park, Ehukai Beach Park, Haleiwa Beach Park, Ke'Waena Beach Park, Laniakea Beach Support Park, Sunset Beach Park, and Waimea Bay Beach Park.

INJURY: Lacerations to left foot and two tendons severed.

TREATMENT: Surfers bandaged Holley's leg and Medics transported him to Wahiawa General Hospital in stable condition where his injury was repaired with 42 stitches and he was released.

SPECIES: According to the surfer, the incident involved a tiger shark about 10 feet in length.

Bodyboarder and Cody Holley flank Joshua Holley as the three men paddle to the shore. Joshua is holding his injured foot above the surface.

EXCLUSIVE

COURTESY: CODY LOPEZ

Surfboard-mounted camera captures moments after shark bite
Surfer shares video of ride to shore

HONOLULU -When Cody Lopez went out to catch some waves Tuesday, he had his Go-Pro waterproof camera mounted to his surfboard. "It was really big day, and I thought I'd just get shots of me wiping out," Lopez joked.

But Lopez never really got a chance to ride waves that day, because the only other two people in the water began flagging him down for help. One was a boogie boarder, and the second was a Waialua surfer who was trying to get away from a shark that just bit him. "He said, 'I just punched a 10-foot tiger' and I said, 'Oh, OK.' I kind of laughed and said 'Let's go,' you know," Lopez said.

As Joshua Holley left the hospital Tuesday, he thanked his new surfer buddies for helping to make sure he in got to shore safely. "Where ever you guys are, God bless you. I really appreciate you helping me out. It was pretty frightening. I am just thankful I am alive," said Holley.

In the video Lopez shared, you can see Holley on the board with his injured foot up in the air.

"I took a look at it coming in and said it didn't look that bad. I asked him what his name was. I was trying to keep the situation light," said Lopez. He said the only gnarly point was getting through the white wash on the reef. "On the way back in we encountered a set that wiped up us all out. But it wasn't too bad. Luckily it was high tide and we made it to safety. I was kind of in shock, trying to keep a clear head," said Lopez.

At noon Wednesday, Ocean Safety decided to remove the shark warning signs from a two-mile stretch of North Shore beaches near where Holley was bitten while surfing. A flyover over the coastline using a fire department helicopter did not indicate there were any sharks in the area.

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