



ACTIVITY: Kayaking / Fishing

CASE: [GSAF 2012.05.12](#)

DATE: Saturday May 12, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean off Leffingwell Landing, Cambria, , California, USA.

NAME: Joey Nocchi.

DESCRIPTION: He is a 30-year-old male from Paso Robles.

KAYAK: Blue

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The sky was overcast, according to Nocchi.

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, May 12, 2012

WEATHER CONDITONS: The sea surface temperature was in the mid-60°F and underwater visibility was 10 feet.

ENVIRONMENT: Throughout the day's fishing they observed several pinnipeds and a number of whales.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 150 to 200 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: 30 feet

TIME: 14h30

NARRATIVE: Joey Nocchi, James Byon, and Matt Korsch, entered the water at 06h30. They were kayak fishing North of Leffingwell Landing, Cambria, which is just south of Hearst Castle, San Simeon.

The men were returning to shore when the incident took place. "During our return trip I fell behind my two friends. I was taking just nice fluid strokes . . . just cruising along . . . and I got hit from the bottom . . . it sounded like somebody hit my kayak with a baseball bat," said Nocchi. "Suddenly, my kayak's stern was struck from below with such force that the kayak and I were thrown five feet into the air. I was ejected out the port side of my kayak into the

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water. The shark flipped the kayak over and landed between it and me. I had my life vest on and it came across me, and I didn't want to touch it. I had my hands back but his tail came across me and I felt his skin on my hands and it was a pretty crazy, eerie feeling. It struck me and the kayak with its tail as into swam off."

INJURY: The man was not injured but there are marks in the kayak said to be made by a shark.

SPECIES: "My friends saw the Great White Shark while it was in the air and thought it was approximately 15 feet in length," said Nocchi

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Ralph Collier



The bottom of Nocchi's kayak