



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2012.11.04.a](#)

DATE: Sunday November 4, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Davidson's Surf Break, Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaii, USA.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: He is a 43-year-old male from Eleele.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 70% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, October 29, 2012.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was turbid.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 150 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Eight feet (estimated).

TIME: 08h10


NARRATIVE: He was in the water with 8 to 10 other surfers and sitting atop his board when the shark approached from below, bit the tail end of his board, then released it. The group paddled in shortly after the incident. DLNR officials closed the beach for the rest of the day.

INJURY: The surfer was not injured by the shark.

SPECIES: It was thought the incident may have involved a tiger shark 8 to 10 feet in length.

SOURCES: Ian Scheuring, KFVE. November 4, 2012, <http://www.k5thetohometeam.com/story/19999902/surfboard-bit>

Kaua'i Police Department News Release (see below)

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Shark bites surfboard at Kekaha beach; surfer unharmed		
<p>KEKAHA – A 43-year-old Eleele man escaped unharmed this morning after an eight-foot shark bit his surfboard at Davidson's Beach located near St. Theresa's Church in Kekaha.</p>		
<p>The man had been surfing at approximately 150 yards offshore at about 8:10 a.m. when the shark attack occurred. He swam safely to shore and reported the incident to authorities.</p>		
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