

ACTIVITY: Snorkeling

CASE: GSAF 2012.11.30

DATE: Friday November 30, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean off Kihei, Maui, Hawaii, USA.

NAME: Thomas Floyd Kennedy

DESCRIPTION: He is a 61-year-old male from Lake Oswego, Oregon.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 09h54, Kahului recorded light rain and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 75.9°F, dew point 61°F, humidity 60%, sea level pressure 30.09 inches and the air was calm (no wind).

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 95% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, November 28, 2012.

SEA CONDITIONS: Despite reports of officials who said the water was turbid, Kennedy said the water had been abnormally clear the past couple of days.

ENVIRONMENT: The Maui Fire Department's air crew confirmed that an eight to 10 foot tiger shark was in the area.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 200 to 250 yards.

DEPTH OF WATER: 20 feet

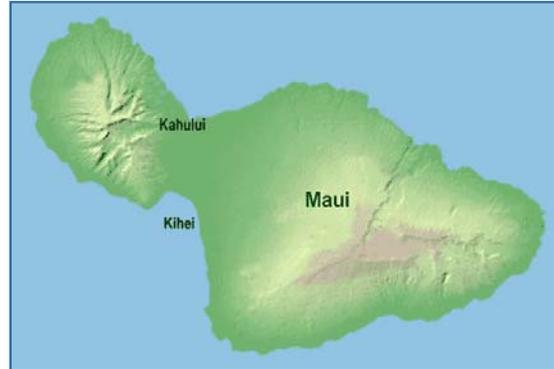
TIME: 09h40

NARRATIVE: Tom Kennedy and his friends paddled their stand up paddleboards to deeper water at the edge of the reef and began snorkeling. He had been in the water for about 20 minutes and was snorkeling with another man, Bryce, when he was bitten by a shark. "I was just moving along in a straight line and suddenly felt a sensation, something big grabbing me on the leg and turned, obviously it was a shark, I could see its left eye and part of its sort of face and head. (Then) it released me," Kennedy said. He swam to his board and signaled his friend Holly, an emergency room nurse, who used his leash as a tourniquet. They signaled an outrigger canoe from Wailea Canoe Club, which took them aboard and paddled to shore.

INJURY: He sustained multiple lacerations to the left thigh and left calf. The deepest laceration was to the calf. No arteries were severed.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: On the shore, lifeguards provided first aid. Then the patient was transported to Maui Medical Center.

SPECIES: According to Kennedy, the shark's head was about two feet wide. It was thought the incident involved a tiger shark, eight to 10 feet in length.



Tom Kennedy

SOURCES: KHON2, November 30, 2012, http://www.khon2.com/news/local/story/Oregon-man-61-attacked-by-shark-on-Maui/LwOoG_mZjUCMd4l8qK7ThQ.csp

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