



**ACTIVITY:** Kiteboarding

**CASE:** [GSAF 2013.10.31](#)

**DATE:** Thursday October 31, 2013

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Ka'a Point area of Kanaha Beach Park in Kahului, Maui, Hawaii, USA.

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** Male in his 40s wearing a blue and black wetsuit.

### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 14h54, Kahului recorded scattered clouds and 10 mile visibility. The air temperature was 84.9°F, dew point 69.1°F, humidity 59%, sea level pressure 30.02 inches and wind direction was 21.9 mph at 28.8 mph with gusts to 28.8 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Crescent, 8% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, November 3, 2013.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 300 yards

**TIME:** 15h19

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**NARRATIVE:** He had fallen into the water and was hanging onto his kiteboard when he was bitten. The man made it to near shore waters where he called for help and saying that he had been bitten by a shark. He was assisted to shore by witnesses.

**INJURY:** Right calf bitten and minor lacerations to the heel.

**TREATMENT:** Ocean Safety lifeguards applied a dressing to the patient's wound on his right calf and were in the process of dressing some small lacerations on the heel area when Maui Fire Department units from Kahului's HazMat 10 crew arrived. The patient was transported to Maui Memorial Medical Center in stable condition.

**SPECIES:** County Ocean Safety lifeguards went out on jetskis and saw a tiger shark estimated at 12 to 15 feet in the water. The beach was closed a mile in either direction, from Papa Ula Point off Stable Road to Pier 1 at Kahului Harbor. Shark warning signs were posted by DLNR aquatic resources and enforcement staff, and County lifeguards. Per the state shark incident response protocol, the beach area remained closed overnight.



Photo Courtesy Mauiwatch

*Paramedics attend to the patient on the beach at Ka'a Point.*