

ACTIVITY: Body boarding

CASE: GSAF 2013.12.11

DATE: Wednesday December 11, 2013

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean in Ninole Bay on the south shore of the Big Isle, Hawaii, USA.



Google Earth image

Ninole Cove with Punalu`u Beach Park to the left.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: He is a 29-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 07h53, Honolulu recorded scattered clouds and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 77°F, dew point 66°F, humidity 69%, sea level pressure 30.03 inches and wind direction was ENE at 8.1 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 73% of the Moon was illuminated.

First Quarter, December 9, 2013. Full Moon, December 16, 2013.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was turbid.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 20 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Eight feet

TIME: 08h00



NARRATIVE: The man was boogie boarding with two friends in Ninole Cove just south of Punalu'u Beach Park when he was bitten by a shark. He was assisted to shore by the other body-boarders, and they took him to the hospital.

Ka`u police were notified of the incident by hospital personnel. The bay and beach were ordered closed by lifeguards to be reopened at noon on December 13, 2013.

INJURY: The man sustained lacerations to his right hand and knee.

TREATMENT: The man was admitted to Kau Hospital and released the next day.

SPECIES: According to witnesses, the incident involved a tiger shark, 10 to 12 feet in length.

SOURCES: Dave Smith, Big Island Now, December 11, 2013, <http://bigislandnow.com/2013/12/11/man-bitten-by-shark-while-boogie-boarding-off-kau-coast/>

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