



ACTIVITY: Surfing
CASE: [GSAF 2014.02.07](#)
DATE: Friday February 7, 2014
LOCATION: Porpoise Bay Beach near Curio Bay, Southland, South Island, New Zealand.

NAME:
DESCRIPTION: He is a 28-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 16h01, the air temperature at Waikawa was 43F, humidity 98%, and wind direction was ENE at 3 mph.

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, February 7, 2014

SEA CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT: Curio Bay / Porpoise Bay (Te whanaga aihe) are located on the Catlins coast, 88 km southeast of Invercargill and seven km south of Waikawa. During summer and autumn Hector's dolphins, one of the rarest and smallest of dolphins, use Porpoise Bay to raise their young, feed and rest. New Zealand fur seals and sealions regularly haul out along the Caitlin coast, and blue penguins borrow around Porpoise Bay.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 50 metres

DEPTH OF WATER:

TIME: 20h20 (Sunset was at 21h10 / 9:10 pm)



Porpoise Bay

NARRATIVE: "He was sitting on his surfboard and the shark came up from nowhere and hit

him," said fellow surfer Nick Smart. "He struggled for a bit and then punched the shark and it let him go." The man made his own way to shore.

INJURY: The surfer was bitten from his thigh to his calf. One press report said he sustained three bites, while another said his thigh was bitten.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Forty minutes after the attack, a road ambulance arrived. "He was totally coherent and talking. He was definitely in a bit of pain but he handled it really well," Smart said.. The surfer was flown by helicopter to Southland Hospital, where he was reported to be in stable condition.

SPECIES: The attack was thought to involve a sevengill shark, two to three metres in length.