



Photo by Neill Cowles

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2014.10.02.b

DATE: Thursday October 2, 2014

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Jacks Beach a quarter mile north of Wall Beach, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara County, California, USA.

NAME: M.M.

DESCRIPTION: He is a 28-year-old male, a civilian employee who works at Vandenberg.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 17h20, Lompoc recorded air temperature of 85.5°F, dew point 43.4°F, humidity 23 %, sea level pressure 29.71 inches (rising) and wind direction was West at 9.4 mph.

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, 61% of the Moon was illuminated.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea surface temperature was 62°F. Mean high tide occurred at 17h13.

ENVIRONMENT: Vandenberg is a missile and space launch site located about 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

TIME: 17h30

NARRATIVE: No details. Surf and Minuteman beaches were closed until 16h00 on Sunday.

INJURY: The surfer sustained lacerations to his knee. His surfboard was broken.

SPECIES: The incident involved an eight- to 10-foot shark.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Ralph Collier, GSAF

