

ACTIVITY: Snorkeling

CASE: GSAF 2014.11.13

DATE: Thursday November 13, 2014

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean off Westin Ka'anapali Ocean Resort Villas, Airplane Beach, Lahaina, West Maui, Hawaii, USA.

NAME: Andrew Haas

DESCRIPTION: He is a 53-year-old male from Homer, Alaska.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 13h54, Kahului recorded overcast skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 78.1°F, dew point 71.1°F, humidity 79%, sea level pressure 29.87 inches (falling) and wind direction was NNW at 5.8 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 57% of the Moon was illuminated. Last Quarter, November 14, 2014.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was clear.

ENVIRONMENT: The beach has no lifeguards.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Thought to be about 100 yards. The man does not really know how far he was from shore when the incident took place, but he was able to swim to the beach without assistance.

DEPTH OF WATER: 20 feet

TIME: 13h30 p.m.

NARRATIVE: The man glimpsed a shark, felt a bump, and then immediate pain. He swam to shore. The Department of Land and Natural Resources closed the beach area closed from Ka'anapali Alii Hotel to Honokowai Beach Park until officials could assess the situation.

INJURY: The man sustained a 12-inch laceration to the upper left leg.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The man left the area before having contact with any officials. He was helped into a friend's car by a security guard stationed at the beach and directed him to a West Maui clinic. The clinic, in turn, sent him to the Maui Memorial Medical Center for treatment.

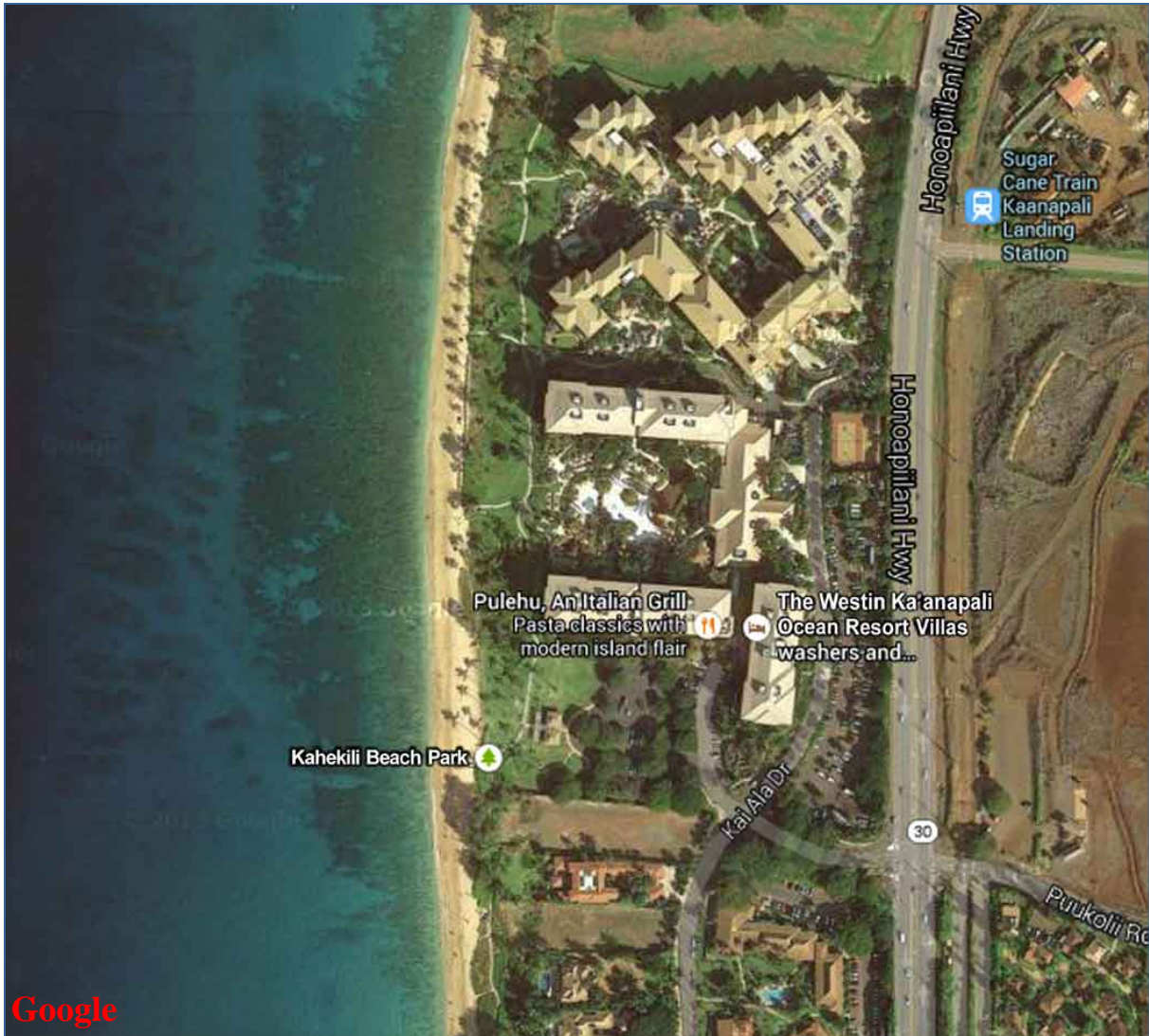
SPECIES: The man said the shark was five feet (1.5 m) in length.

SOURCES: Gary T. Kubota, Star Advertiser, November 13, 2014, http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20141113_Man_reports_shark_bite_in_water_s_off_Mauis_Kaanapali_shoreline.html?id=282652371
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