



CASE: [GSAF 2015.06.26.a](#)

DATE: Friday June 26, 2015

LOCATION: The incident took place at the South Beach of Hunting Island State Park, Beaufort County, South Carolina, USA.

NAME: Lance Donahue Jr.

DESCRIPTION: A 43-year-old male from Du Bois, Pennsylvania.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 10h55, KARW (airport nearest to Beaufort) recorded clear skies. The air temperature was 87.8°F, heat index 99.7°F, dew point 77°F, humidity 70%, sea level pressure 30.2 inches (falling) and wind direction was West at 9.2 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 71% of the Moon was illuminated.

ENVIRONMENT: Hunting Island is one of the few remaining undeveloped islands in the Lowcountry. It lies 15 miles from Beaufort.

DEPTH OF WATER: Shallow

TIME: 11h00



NARRATIVE: Lance Donahue noticed a four-foot-long shark swimming around him in shallow water and yelled, "Shark!" only to be bitten by a second one he had not seen, district spokesman Scott Harris said.

INJURY: Small puncture wounds to left foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: A witness, 15-year-old Abby Cuneo, of Athens, Georgia, was standing in knee-deep water with her two younger brothers when she noticed Donahue yelling. When he lifted his foot out of the water, revealing the shark that had clamped down on him, the Cuneos realized he'd been yelling 'Shark!' "At that point, everyone's hearts dropped and we were freaking out," Cuneo said. "Everyone ran out of the ocean. It was sort of one of those panic, stress-dreams you never want to have."

Donahue's family was parked close to the shore and quickly came to his aid while Cuneo's dad ran to the north beach to fetch a lifeguard. At least four people called 911. Once EMS arrived, the Cuneos helped Donahue's wife pack up her car so she could leave with the couple's two daughters. The man was taken to Beaufort Memorial Hospital

SPECIES: According to Donahue, the shark was about 10 inches in diameter.

SOURCES: Rebecca Lurye, rlurye@islandpacket.com, twitter.com/IPBG_Rebecca. *Island Packet*, <http://www.islandpacket.com/2015/06/26/3812713/tourist-bitten-by-shark-on-hunting.html>

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