



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2015.07.10

DATE: Friday July 10, 2015

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean off Lifeguard Tower 17 at Huntington Beach, California, USA.

NAME: Danny Miskin

DESCRIPTION: He is a 38-year-old former pro surfer.



BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: For the past several months surfers have reported sightings of white sharks to the Shark Research Institute and the Global Shark Attack File, but none report physical contact between sharks and humans. Most sightings were in the Surfside and Sunset Beach where experts believe a group of juveniles have been feeding on stingrays. The juvenile white sharks have been spotted breaching from the water off Surfside.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 30 yards

TIME: 08h45

NARRATIVE: A Marine Safety officer for Huntington Beach told CBS2's Michele Gile the surfer was sitting on his board and noticed that the water around him started 'boiling'. "Right afterwards he felt a sharp bump underneath his board," the officer said. "He looked and he saw a shark that he described as being black in color, and it was swimming south after it bumped him. The 'bump' meets the criteria for aggressive behavior, and with that our protocols call for closure of the beach." In response to the incident, authorities closed the water from Beach Boulevard to the Huntington Beach Pier. State officials also closed the waters at Huntington State Beach to Magnolia Avenue.

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INJURY: The surfer was not injured by the shark, however, the shark left marks on his board. Chris Lowe, a shark expert at Cal State University, Long Beach, told KTLA that the shark could have been curious and may have become scared, which caused it to react by bumping the board.

SPECIES: Said to involve a white shark, seven feet in length.

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The underside of Danny Miskin's board

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