



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2016.01.28

DATE: Thursday January 28, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Hanalei Bay, Kauai, Hawaii, USA.
22°12'44"N, 159°29'49"W

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: Male from Minnesota.



Photo by Ralf Beier

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 13h53 Hanamaulu recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 82.9°F, heat index 83.7°F dew point 62.1°F, humidity 49%, sea level pressure 30.02 inches and wind direction was South at 12.7 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 79% of the Moon is Illuminated. Last Quarter, January 31, 2016.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was clear and there was a northeast swell.

ENVIRONMENT: Hanalei Bay is a two-mile-long half-moon bay, the largest bay on the north shore of Kauai Island. The bay is mostly sand bottom with reef at both ends of the bay. Powerful waves break on the sandbars of Hanalei Bay in January.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 120 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Five to 10 feet

TIME: 14h00

NARRATIVE: He was facing shoreward and paddling toward the beach near the Hanalei Pier when he was bitten. After the incident, lifeguards posted “Shark Sighting” signs, and

the beach remained closed to swimmers throughout the next day due to dangerous ocean conditions.

INJURY: Lacerations to both hands.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The man was treated by lifeguards on scene and opted to drive himself to seek medical treatment.

SPECIES: A reef shark (species not identified), about five feet in length.

SOURCES: KHON2, January 28, 2016, <http://khon2.com/2016/01/28/kauais-hanalei-bay-closed-after-apparent-shark-bite/>

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Surfers in Hanalei Bay