

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2016.03.13

DATE: Sunday March 13, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Bolsa Chica State Beach, Orange County, California, USA.

NAME: Unknown

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The sky was mostly cloudy throughout the morning.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 29% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, March 15, 2016.

SEA CONDITIONS: The surf was running a strong 3 to 5 feet Sunday and wave quality was poor because of windchop.

ENVIRONMENT: Originally called "*Tin Can Beach*", Bolsa Chica became a state beach in 1960. Surfline reports that the beach consistently draws prime waves and the surf breaks in shallower water, causing incoming waves to form a desirable curled shape as they crest.

TIME: Morning

NARRATIVE: The unidentified surfer was in the water near Tower 16 on the southern part of Bolsa Chica State Beach when this board was reportedly bumped by a shark,. "The surfer didn't exactly see what it was ... he just saw a tail thrashing," Jones said. "It could have been (a shark) ... it could have not been one." Parts of Bolsa Chica State Beach and Huntington State Beach were closed and were slated to reopen Monday.

INJURY: No injury

SPECIES: Shark involvement probable but not confirmed.

SOURCES: Orange County Register, March 13, 2016

