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ACTIVITY: Snorkeling
CASE: GSAF 2016.03.31
DATE: Thursday March 31, 2016
LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean off Olowalu, Maui, Hawaii.

NAME: J. Orr
DESCRIPTION: A 46-year-old female tourist.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: See next page

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 47% of the Moon was illuminated. Last Quarter, March 31, 2016.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky.

ENVIRONMENT: Olowalu is a popular snorkeling area because of its pristine reefs and abundance of turtles. It is the only place in the state that has permanent shark warning signs posted.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: A half-mile (400 to 450 yards)

DEPTH OF WATER: 18 feet

TIME: 11h00

NARRATIVE: The woman was snorkeling with a group from the Teralani 2 tour company when she felt a tug on her fin, and looked back to see a gray-colored shark swimming away.

INJURY: Minor injury to left foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: She was treated onboard the support boat for a minor injury to her foot.

SPECIES: An on-board employee of the Teralani 2 tour company reported that an eight-foot tiger shark was seen swimming away.

SOURCES: The Daily Reporter, March 31, 2016

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/05efe9dfa1bf403d8c1553e467020738/HI--Hawaii-Shark-Bite>

Maui Now, March 31, 2016

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