



ACTIVITY: Surfing
CASE: [GSAF 2016.04.25](#)
DATE: Monday April 25, 2016
LOCATION: Balian, western Bali, Tabanan, Indonesia.
 $8^{\circ}30'17.46''S, 114^{\circ}58'00.61''E$

NAME: Ryan Boarman
DESCRIPTION: A 24-year-old American from San Diego. He was on a month-long trip to Indonesia.



Ryan Boarman

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 92% of the Moon was illuminated.

ENVIRONMENT: The incident took place just outside a river mouth. Between 2010 and 2011, there were at least three people injured by sharks around the beach: GSAF 2010.12.03.R, GSAF 2011.04.12, and GSAF 2011.11.29.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky. According to a Surfline report, a local surf hotel owner named Darius Sadeli said: "It happened during a murky water period. Every shark attack in Balian happened after a heavy rain in the mountains, which pushes the entire gunk to sea through the Balian River. The river pushes out nutrients, attracts smaller fish and leads to drawing interest of the sharks."

TIME: 07h00

NARRATIVE: Ryan Boarman was on a month-long trip to Indonesia. "I was sitting there kind of waiting for a wave. The shark came up from behind me and just grabbed my right elbow." The shark bumped him and dragged him under water, he said. "I saw something really big kind of swim away and I saw the fin go under water. I turned around and started paddling as fast as I could to the beach. The wave comes right behind me, the perfect wave, and somehow I was able to catch the wave." He surfed all the way in to the beach and then collapsed and passed out.

INJURY: The patient's entire elbow went into the shark's mouth, damaging the tendons of the right arm as the shark pulled back. "It was a pretty heavy wound, maybe four inches either side of the tip of the elbow, basically his whole elbow had gone into the sharks mouth and it was pretty badly damaged as the shark pulled back," said a witness, TwiggyVan Ryan. He said the patient was "recovering well after surgery, good news they say no ligament damage just heaps of stitches and major bruising, muscle tears."

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: "We wrapped the wound properly and he went into shock - kind of a short blackout," said Van Ryan. "Then the locals and myself tied [a tourniquet] at the top of his arm to slow the bleeding and then got him in a car and he was taken to Kasih Ibu Tabanan Hospital and admitted to the hospital's intensive-care unit. The patient was initially treated by Dr. Ni Gusti Ayu Made Sri Pujarini who said he was conscious when brought into the hospital. "[The patient] said that he saw the shark before he felt the pain," reported Dr. Punjarini. "His wounds were consistent with shark-bite injuries; you could see the teeth marks," she said. Dr. Pujarini said he underwent emergency surgery and was then transferred to a bigger hospital in the Balinese capital Denpasar

The patient did not sustain serious ligament damage and recovered well after surgery, but at his family's request, the patient was transferred to Raffles Hospital in Singapore for further care. In Singapore, Orthopaedic surgeon Lim Yeow Wai, who operated on the patient said the shark bite had cut through muscle, and also injured a nerve and a ligament in the young man's arm. "There was some infection on the outer side of the elbow, and when I opened up the wound some of the muscles were dead". As result, Dr. Wai debrided the injury prior to surgery. It was anticipated that the patient would need six weeks of physiotherapy and be surfing again in about six months.

SPECIES: According to the surfer the shark was about six feet in length and it approached him from behind. It was thought the incident involved a bull shark. Mike Price, a shark expert at SeaWorld San Diego and assistant curator of Zoological Operations noted that bull sharks are common near estuaries or the mouth of rivers.

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NOTE: According to an article in International Business Times published on May 5, 2016, there was another shark attack at Balian a few days before this incident.

SOURCES: Stab Mag, April 26, 2016
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