

ACTIVITY: Snorkeling

CASE: GSAF 2016.10.14

DATE: Friday October 14, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Kihei, Maui, Hawaii, USA. One report said it took place between Charlie Young Beach Park and Cove Park, while a second report said it took place at Kama'ole Beach Park 1.



NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: A 66-year-old woman from Washington State who is a part-time Kihei resident.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 98% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, October 15, 2016.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was calm, but somewhat murky.

ENVIRONMENT: In October, female tiger sharks migrate south from the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands to give birth.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Accounts vary from 20 to 30 yards, to 40 to 60 yards.

DEPTH OF WATER: Seven feet

TIME: 09h50

NARRATIVE: No one witnessed the incident, but bystanders on shore heard the woman yelling for help. A male visitor from Washington State swam out to assist the woman. A nearby stand-up paddle boarder also heard the commotion and came to her aid. The woman was pulled onto the board and brought back to shore. "We saw someone screaming and people came in to help us, so we swam into the water and helped the girl out," said Pierre Luc. He said the woman was bleeding profusely. "She was missing half her calf," he said.

INJURY: Severe deep lacerations to lower left leg, minor lacerations to left foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Two nurses and a firefighter vacationing from the mainland began treating the woman. Arseneau Luc said, "when we did get her out, she was awake and conscious, but then she did lose consciousness. Her pulse was really low. We applied pressure until the paramedics came. We put the tourniquet on." Paramedics arrived and continued treating the patient for shock and transported her to Maui Memorial Medical Center in serious condition.

SPECIES: Not identified, but the location suggests that a tiger shark may have been involved.

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