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Man Dies as a Result of a Shark Bite at Cod National Seashore

WELLFLEET, MA – This is a sad day for the family of Arthur Medici of Revere, MA, the national seashore, and the Cape Cod community. On Saturday, September 15, 2018 at approximately 12:30 pm at Newcomb Hollow Beach in Wellfleet, a suspected white shark attacked the 26-year old Medici. Mr. Medici died as a result of the injuries sustained in the attack. He was removed from the water and transported to Cape Cod Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Cape Cod National Seashore Superintendent Brian Carlstrom said, “We are deeply saddened by this tragic event and our condolences go out to the Medici Family.”

The incident is still under investigation by National Park Service rangers, the Wellfleet Police Department, and the Cape and Islands District Attorney’s office. The public will be notified when the species of shark has been confirmed. Wellfleet beaches are currently closed to swimming.

People recreating in Cape Cod waters should read and heed advisories posted at beaches. Do not swim near seals; swim close to shore where feet can touch the bottom; swim, paddle, and kayak in groups; do not swim alone at dawn or dusk; avoid isolation; and limit splashing and do not wear shiny jewelry.

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