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## Shark attack tally misses 1950 attack at Kahakuloa

The Park and Morrell incidents have officially become the 88th and 89th shark attacks in Hawaiian waters since the turn of the century, according to records compiled by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

But officials now concede they missed one: an attack off Kahakuloa on Jan. 16, 1950.

According to reports in The Maui News, the partial remains of Gilbert Hotta, 38, of Wailuku, were recovered from a shark that volunteers caught near the spot where the man was swept into the sea.

Hotta and three other friends were surf casting off the rocks at

night when a giant wave knocked Hotta and two others into the deep, reefless waters. The three were unable to swim to shore.

One fisherman apparently was not found, another's body was pulled from the surf and the partial remains of Hotta were found in "a huge shark" caught four days later.

Hotta had just opened Gilbert's formal wear shop in Wailuku. The shop, run by his widow, is still open.

George Balazs, the National Marine Fisheries Service scientist who compiles the list of Hawaii shark attacks, said he would add the incident to his records.