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CAMERON COUNTY STATEMENT ON SHARK ATTACKS AT SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

Due to the abnormal and unprecedented wave of shark-related encounters, Cameron County requests that beachgoers and swimmers take precautions when going to the beach and entering the water as there have been two instances of shark bites, and two additional encounters that occurred during the 4th of July holiday earlier today.

“The County wants to extend its thoughts and prayers to the victims and families of these extremely rare and unusual attacks,” said County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. “The County is working closely with Mayor Patrick McNulty, the City of South Padre Island, and our state and federal partners to patrol the beaches and take appropriate action,” said County Judge Treviño. “I want to thank our local good Samaritans and emergency response personnel for acting quickly and appropriately to aid those that were in need.”

Treviño further stated, “This is a horrendous event, the County will continue to provide all resources needed to keep our families protected to the best of our abilities. We greatly appreciate the support of our city, state, and federal partners in this effort.”

The County is also asking that beach guests and property owners continue to monitor Hurricane Beryl’s approach into the Gulf of Mexico and take all necessary steps to prepare accordingly.

Because of this, we ask that all individuals be cautious when visiting our beaches and heed the advice of authorities patrolling our beaches. In addition, be aware of the Flag Advisory System which notes the current surf conditions.

Cameron County is committed to protecting the life, health, and well-being of everyone on our coastal beaches and will inform the public of any updates. Should you have any questions or concerns, please refer to the Cameron County website for related news and updates at www.cameroncountytexas.gov, or contact the Cameron County Parks and Recreation Department at (956) 761-3701.

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