

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 1993.10.26

DATE: Tuesday October 26, 1993

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Treasure Shores Beach, Indian River County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Dawn Schauman

DESCRIPTION: She is a 26-year-old, 6½ -month pregnant female.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, October 22, 1993. Full Moon, October 30, 1993.

SEA CONDITIONS: "The waves were about 2-3 foot. The water was murky with maybe two foot of visibility, and the water temperature was in the mid seventies," Dawn said. "There was also a four- to five-foot drop off when I entered the water. "

ENVIRONMENT: "It was bait fish season, but I didn't see any when I went in," said Dawn.

TIME: 10h00

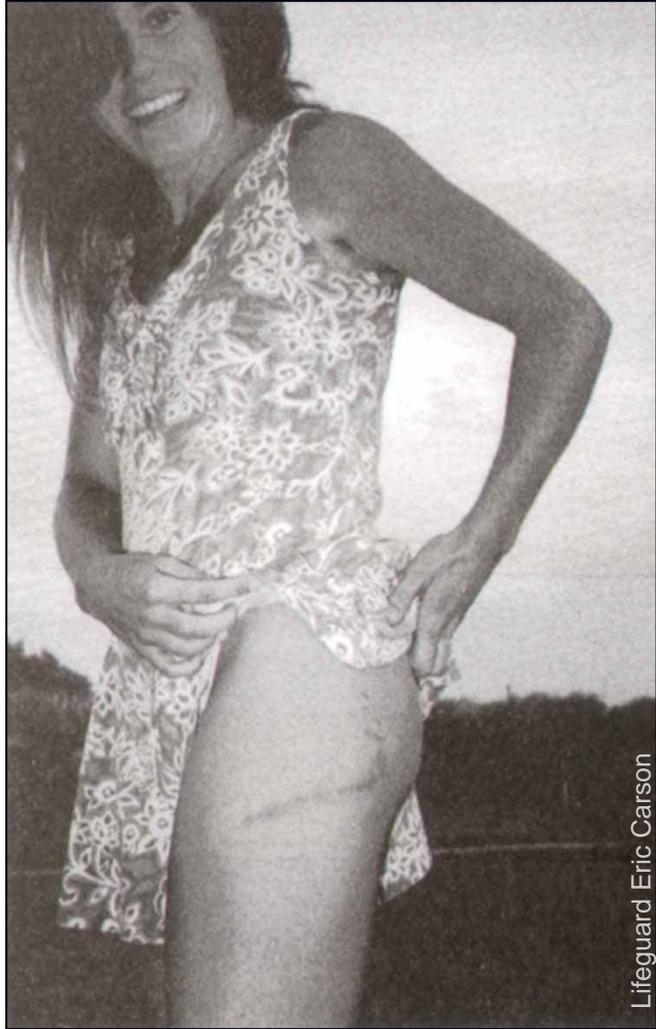
NARRATIVE: "I was on duty as a lifeguard. I had just gotten back from vacation and was anxious to go swimming. I entered the water and swam out past the waves. Then I started to swim laps parallel to the beach when

something slammed into me. It felt like a truck plowing into me. At first, it disorientated me, and when I looked up to see what had happened, I realized I was spun in the opposite direction. That's when I knew a shark had attacked me. My hand and leg started to burn, so I pulled them out of the water to see the damage. My hand was dripping blood everywhere, and when I rolled to look at my leg, I saw that it had been laid wide open. It was pretty gross. Blood was in the water all around me. I signaled to my partner to come rescue me, but he never responded. No one else was around so I ended up rescuing myself."

INJURY: Lacerations to left lateral thigh

SPECIES: The incident involved a bull shark, about 10 feet in length.

SOURCES: Miami Herald, October 28, 1993; William J. Schauman, *Why Is She Smiling?*, pp 190; sharksurvivor.com



Dawn Schauman in 2000