



ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 1995.06.16

DATE: Friday June 16, 1995

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Tiger Shores Beach (1337 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996) on South Hutchinson Island. Tiger Shores Beach is a quarter-mile north of Stuart Beach off State Road A1 in Martin County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Amber Delmans

DESCRIPTION: She is a 10-year-old female.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, June 13, 1995

ENVIRONMENT: Baitfish, including mackerel and bluefish, have been swimming close to shore for months, but no sharks have been spotted, said District Fire Chief Henry Johnson. "Sharks are more likely to come closer to shore in winter months as they seek warmer water. It was probably a freak accident," Johnson said. "A shark was probably feeding on baitfish and accidentally got her."

DEPTH OF WATER: Three feet

TIME: Shortly before 14h00

NARRATIVE: Amber Delmans was swimming with her father when she felt a tugging sensation and then felt her right leg tearing.

INJURY: She was reportedly sustained about a half-dozen bites on the interior of her shin and "a larger cut about four inches long and deep enough that cut the muscle in her leg."

TREATMENT: She underwent surgery to repair the wounds at Martin Memorial Medical Center.

SPECIES: Not identified. District Fire Chief Henry Johnson said no one saw the shark, but based on the size of the bite wounds to the girl's calf the shark is estimated to be about six feet in length.

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Dear Ms. Levine.....

For your info & possible follow-up...45
year old Paul Lucas, Port St. Lucie, bitten
three times (on the leg) by a shark as he
swam in waist-deep water at Jensen Beach
Park, yesterday. His girl-friend (Suzanne
Amman) noticed a fin (approaching)
just before the attack. He's in good
condition at Port St. Lucie Medical Center.

About four miles south, at Tiger Shores, on
Friday, a ten year old girl was bitten by a
shark. Details sketchy.

Don't know if you got this info so thought
I'd pass it on.

Morry V.....

