

ACTIVITY: Kneeling

CASE: [GSAF 2007.08.09.b](#)

DATE: Thursday August 9, 2007

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Wild Dune Beach, a private beach managed by a large resort and property owners on Isle of Palms (about 15 miles north of Charleston), Charleston County, South Carolina, USA.

32°46.6'N, 79°48.7'W



NAME: Noah Green

DESCRIPTION: He is a 30-year-old male, 5'11" in height and weighs 235 pounds. He was wearing khaki-colored cotton swim trunks and a silver wedding band. Green had no injuries prior to his encounter with the shark. He is an American living in China. He and his extended family are here on vacation.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: It was a hot, sultry, summer day. At 16h24, Charleston recorded haze and visibility of only four miles [6.4 km]. The air temperature was 93.2°F [34°C], dew point 80.6°F [27°C], humidity 67%, sea level pressure 29.87 inches [1011.4 hPa], and wind direction was South at 9.2 mph [14.8 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 12% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, August 12, 2007

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was very murky; underwater visibility was nil. There was surf, but it is not known if a channel was present. Mean low tide took place at 11h15, mean high tide was at 17h59.

ENVIRONMENT: There were many people on the beach and in the water swimming, standing, some with small boards. It is not known if there was any fishing activity in the immediate area, any dolphins or unusual fish or bird activity.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 25 to 30 yards.

DEPTH OF WATER: Two to four feet (hip deep)

TIME: 16h30

NARRATIVE: Noah Green had been in the water for about an hour and was riding his last wave of the day. He was facing shoreward preparing to return to the beach when the shark approached from behind. Noah saw a blur under the water, and then felt it grab him. "It's one of those things you can't describe. It was just an intense force on my foot," said Green. "It kind of got me twice. It bit me one time on the ankle, I was able to kick it away and it came in for a second shot and sliced the bottom of the foot." The initial strike and the entire incident lasted for seconds, and the shark did not shake or push Green. After the second strike the shark swam away. Green crawled from the water he and yelled for help.

INJURY: Right foot talonavicular subluxation and cuboid dislocation. The lateral side of the ankle had 13 puncture wounds, some at the lateral malleolus area, some farther proximal. He also had 5 teeth puncture marks on the medial side of his ankle plus a couple

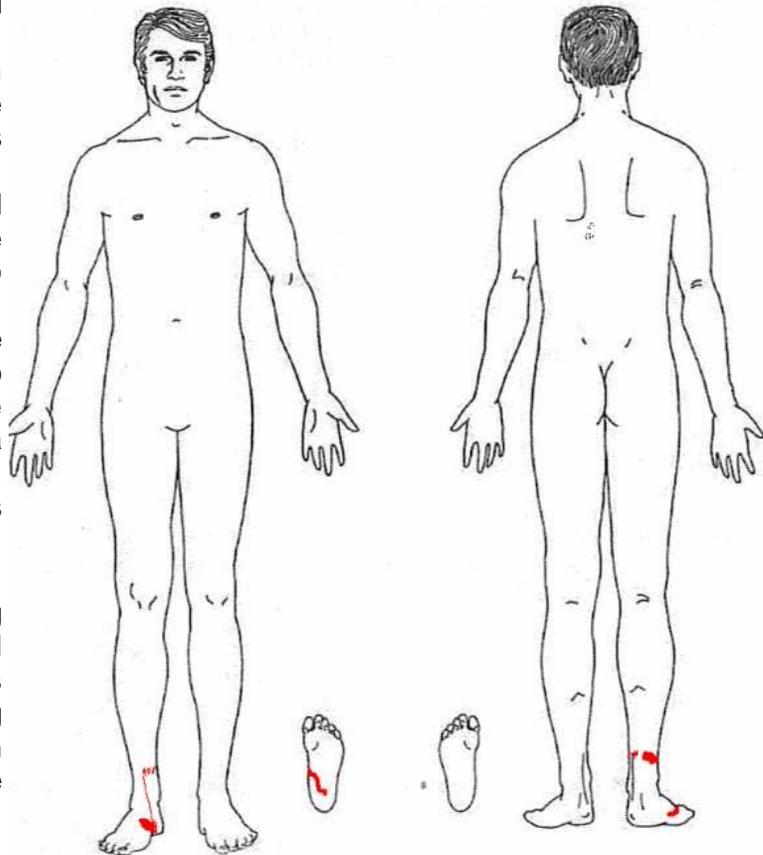
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other isolated puncture wounds. He then had a large 11 cm laceration going from his medial malleolus into the arch of his foot to the plantar heel pad. Posterior tibialis tendon laceration. Flexor digitorum rupture. Flexor brevis laceration. In short, he sustained a shark bite to the right mid foot with near amputation of the foot and heel, severe laceration to his right ankle, torn tendons and his ankle was dislocated.

FIRST AID: Administered at the beach by guests on the beach including a nurse, doctor, and surgeon Rich Reinhardt who were able to control bleeding while the patient waited for emergency personnel. Green was treated at the scene and transported by ambulance to East Cooper Regional Medical Center.

TREATMENT: After being treated by the emergency doctors, Dr. Morrow, an orthopedic surgeon was called and he performed the initial procedures, trying to assess the wound and thoroughly clean it. The next afternoon, a second surgery was performed to stabilize the bones by inserting pins and to attempt to repair severed tendons. On Wednesday, August, 15, the surgeon reopened the wound to check on infection, re-cleaned the wound and decided to use a wound-vac to help heal the wound. Recovery could take nine months to a year.

NOTE: Noah Green reports having excruciating pain immediately and continuing until the hospital was able to administer pain killing treatment. When asked, Noah says simply that he thinks that the shark thought his foot was a fish.



SPECIES: Not identified

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