

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: [GSAF 2007.09.03.a](#)

DATE: Monday September 3, 2007 (Labor Day)

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Northeast 14th Court, just north of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, USA.

26.1°N, 80.1°W

NAME: Dominco Iacofano

DESCRIPTION: He is a 58-year old Canadian male and a part-time resident of Fort Lauderdale.

BACKGROUND:

WEATHER: At 09h46, Fort Lauderdale North recorded partly sunny skies, air temperature 88.2°F [31.2°C], dew point 74°F [23.3°C], sea level pressure 29.98 inches [1015.1 hPa] and wind direction was Southwest at 1 mph [1.6 hm/h]. By afternoon, the wind had shifted to SSE, there were scattered showers, and strong thunderstorms were moving into northern Broward County.

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 51% of the Moon was illuminated. Last Quarter, September 3, 2007.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water temperature was 86°F, the sea was calm, and the water was clear. Mean low tide took place at 07h19, Mean high tide was at 13h52.

ENVIRONMENT: In September large numbers of mullet migrate south along the Florida coast, and they are followed by larger predators. But Guido Garlaschi of Plantation, who was in the water and nearby when the incident took place, said that he didn't see any large fish in the area.

DEPTH: Two to three feet

TIME: 09h45

NARRATIVE: Dominco Iacofano told paramedics that it was a shark that bit him and he had to hit the fish on the nose to get it to loosen its grip. Witnesses said the man was screaming as his wife brought him out of the water.

Lois Bowman, division chief of the city Fire Department, said she could not confirm that the man had been bitten by a shark. The beach remained open with no warning flags after a Broward Sheriff's Office helicopter flew along the shoreline searching for sharks but found none.

INJURY: He sustained a laceration to his left wrist and forearm that was about three inches long and a half-inch deep.

FIRST AID: Emergency workers took the patient to Broward General Medical Center where his injury was sutured.



SPECIES: "[The man] believed he was bitten by a spinner shark feeding on bait fish," Bowman said.

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