

**ACTIVITY:** Wading (or swimming)

**CASE:** [GSAF 2012.08.15](#)

**DATE:** Wednesday August 15, 2012

**LOCATION:** The accident took place in the Gulf of Mexico between Baldwin County 2 and the Gulf State Park Pier, Gulf Shores, Alabama, USA.

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 31-year-old male, a visitor from Germany.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Crescent, 0% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, August 17, 2012.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was murky.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Grant Brown, the city's director of cultural affairs and recreation, said this is migration time for sharks.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Three to four feet

**TIME:** Accounts vary between "mid-morning" and "afternoon".

**NARRATIVE:** No details.

**INJURY:** The man sustained a three- to four-inch laceration to the lower leg. Lifeguard Michael Osborn was one of the First Responders "After I got there and saw it, it wasn't that bad," said Osborn. "It was about a half inch wide, maybe three inches long, and an eighth of an inch deep which the bleeding had already stopped. So it was not that big of a deal."

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** Local lifeguards and Gulf Shores Fire and Rescue responded to the incident. The man was treated and released at South Baldwin Regional Medical Center in Foley. The injury required eight stitches, and he was given antibiotics.

**SPECIES:** Not identified. Osburn ruled out the theory that the man's injury was caused by floating debris. "There's no structure in the water that way. So, him getting cut on a nail didn't happen," he said.

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*Gulf State Park Pier during the Memorial Day weekend Saturday, May 26, 2012.  
The man was injured while swimming near the pier.*