

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 2019.05.01

DATE: Wednesday May 1, 2019

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Boca Grande Pass, Lee County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Paul Kelly

DESCRIPTION: Male

BACKGROUND:

WEATHER: At 18h53, Boca Grande recorded fair skies. The air temperature was 72°F, dew point 68°F, humidity 87%, sea level pressure 30.1 inches, and wind direction was NE at 10 mph.

MOON PHASE: New Moon, May 4, 2019

TIME: Boca Grande Fire Department said they received the call at 18h44 p.m.

NARRATIVE: Paul Kelly was battling an estimated 150-pound tarpon in the Pass when the fish pulled him overboard. As he tried to swim back to the boat, he was bitten by a shark.

INJURY: Injury to thigh.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Responders met the patient and boat at the docks off Bayou Avenue, across from the Pink Elephant restaurant. The patient was airlifted to Lee Memorial Hospital where he received five stitches and several staples to close the wounds.

SPECIES: The incident reportedly involved a bull shark, eight feet in length.

SOURCES: NBC, Thursday, May 2, 2019,

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