

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: [GSAF 1966.01.05](#)

DATE: Wednesday January 5, 1966

LOCATION: The incident took place opposite the Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood, Broward County, Florida, USA.

NAME: George A. C. Scherer

DESCRIPTION: He was a 35-year-old male from Hollywood, a teacher. He was wearing a red bathing suit.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: It was a cloudy day and the air temperature was 80°F.

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, January 7, 1966

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was clear and the water temperature was 72°F.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 25 feet

DEPTH OF WATER: Five feet

TIME: 16h00



NARRATIVE: George Scherer and Jack Ulsh were swimming when they saw the fin of a shark. The shark made a single pass at Scherer, then struck him before swimming away.

INJURY: The swimmer sustained a 12-inch long, 1½-inch deep gash on his thigh.

TREATMENT: Scherer was hospitalized at Jackson Hospital in Miami. The attending physician was James Carey.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The incident reportedly involved a hammerhead shark. Species identification was made by Andrea McHenry.

REPORTED BY: Jack Ulsh