

ACTIVITY: Spearfishing

CASE: [GSAF 1981.01.30](#)

DATE: January 30, 1981 (Note Electa Pace gives date of May 26, 1981)

LOCATIION: Twenty miles from Mayport, Florida, USA.

NAME: Cary (or Carey) Ford

DESCRIPTION: He was a 25-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea surface temperature was 58°F.

ENVIRONMENT: The divers had shot two fish prior to the incident.

DIPTH OF WATER: 96 feet

NARRATIVE: The shark bit the diver's head, ripping off his face mask.

INJURY: Minor injury. The diver sustained three small punctures to his scalp and one nostril was lacerated.

TREATMENT: Nine stitches were required to repair the wounds.

SPECIES: The incident involved a sand tiger shark.

SOURCE: John McAniff, Shark Attack File (University of Rhode Island)