



ACTIVITY: Free diving / snorkeling

CASE: GSAF 1981.05.19

DATE: Tuesday 19 May 1981

LOCATION: The incident took place at Sands Cut, Elliott Key, South Dade, Florida, USA.

NAME: Mohammed Hadi Rahimnejad

DESCRIPTION: He is a 32-year-old male from Southwest Dade.

NARRATIVE: No details.

INJURY: Major injury. He sustained tissue damage to the “lower under part of his left arm and deep lacerations to upper left arm.”

TREATMENT: He underwent surgery at Mercy Hospital.

SPECIES: Not identified.

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Snorkeler doesn't want to think about shark bite

It may not have been "Jaws," but it was still a shark. "I don't like thinking about it anymore," Mohamed Rahimnejad, 32, said today from Mercy Hospital, where he was recovering from the shark bite he received Tuesday while snorkeling near Sand Key. When a police boat arrived at the reported position of Rahimnejad's vessel Tuesday, he had already left the scene. He checked himself into Mercy Hospital and was treated for a bite on his hand.

Victim claims shark attacked

A man who said he had been bitten by a shark in the waters off Elliott Key in South Dade is being treated at Mercy Hospital, hospital spokesmen said Thursday. Mohammed Hadi Rahimnejad, 32, of Southwest Dade, had surgery on his left arm to repair tendon damage following the attack Tuesday, spokesmen said. He was in satisfactory condition Thursday. "There was no official report of the attack," said Florida Marine Patrol Officer MRS Lamphear. "We received information from the county that there might have been something like this." Walter Woodside, protection specialist in the Biscayne National Monument, said the attack was not reported to his office. Neither the victim nor his doctor would discuss the incident. "I just brings back bad memories for me," Rahimnejad said. "It's just one of those things I'd rather forget about if I can."

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