

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** **GSAF 1981.09.27**

**DATE:** Sunday September 27, 1981

**LOCATION:** The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Melbourne Beach, Brevard County, Florida. USA.

**NAME:** James Smodell

**DESCRIPTION:** A 19-year-old male.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** New Moon, September 28, 1981.

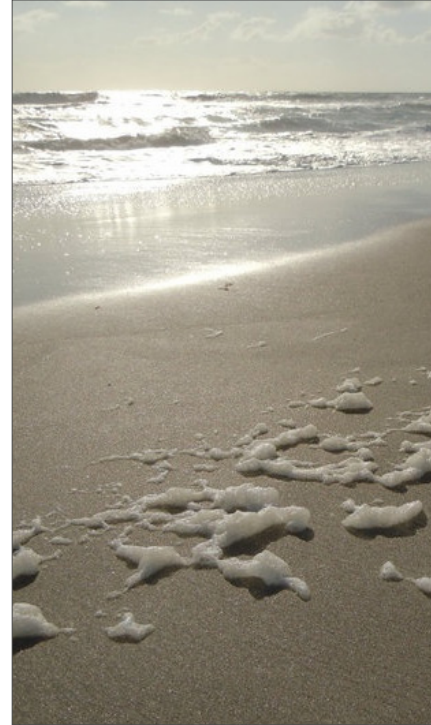
**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 200 yards

**NARRATIVE:** Smodell was surfing with friends when he was bitten by the shark.

**INJURY:** Lacerations to right hand.

**TREATMENT:** Forty stitches were needed to repair the injury.

**SOURCE:** Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Tuesday September 29, 1981, page 10-B



## ***Another Shark Attack Reported***

**MELBOURNE BEACH (UPI) - James Smodell vowed Monday to get back in the water as soon as doctors take out the 40 stitches used to close a wound on his right hand inflicted by a shark Sunday**

**Smodell, 19, was surfing with a friend about 200 yards offshore when his unseen attacker hit. There was a big splash and Smodell pulled his mangled hand from the water.**

**Smodell was the 12th person attacked by sharks in Florida water this year. Two of the 12 have died from the wounds, both apparently bleeding to death. Experts say the number of attacks and reported sightings is up this year but aren't sure why.**