



ACTIVITY: Floating on a raft

CASE: **GSAF 1983.06.20**

DATE: Monday June 20, 1983

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Cocoa Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Barry Skinner

DESCRIPTION: He is a 21-year-old male from Orlando.

BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: Witnesses reported seeing Skinner near a school of bait fish.

TIME: 16h30

NARRATIVE: Barry Skinner was dangling his left foot in the water when the shark locked onto it.



Cocoa Beach police and emergency personnel used a public address system to order swimmers out of the surf along the 5.5-mile stretch of city beach.

INJURY: He sustained multiple deep cuts to his left foot.

TREATMENT: He was in surgery for more than an hour according to Cape Canaveral Hospital spokeswoman Connie Marshall.

SPECIES: Not identified.

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Man Hospitalized After Shark Attack

COCOA BEACH (AP) — An Orlando man was hospitalized in stable condition early today he was attacked by a shark while floating on a raft near the shore, authorities said.

Barry Skinner, 21, was in surgery for more than one hour late Monday following the attack, said Cape Canaveral Hospital spokeswoman Connie Marshall. He sustained multiple deep cuts to his left foot.

Cocoa Beach police and emergency personnel used a public address system to order swimmers out of the surf along the 5½-mile stretch of city beach.

Skinner told police he was dangling his left foot in the water when the shark locked onto it. Witnesses reported seeing the man near a school of bait fish, which sharks like to eat.

The shark attack was the season's first in the area, police said.

On June 1, a shark slashed the legs of a 21-year-old man when he fell while waterskiing on the Intracoastal Waterway near Boca Raton.

A Dade County beach was closed in May when a 22-year-old surfer was also the victim of a shark attack.

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