

**ACTIVITY:** Wading  
**CASE:** GSAF 1984.09.17  
**DATE:** Monday September 17, 1984  
**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Mission Beach, a community in San Diego, California, USA. 32 47.1' N; 11715.4'W

**NAME:** Brian Cramer  
**DESCRIPTION:** He was a male

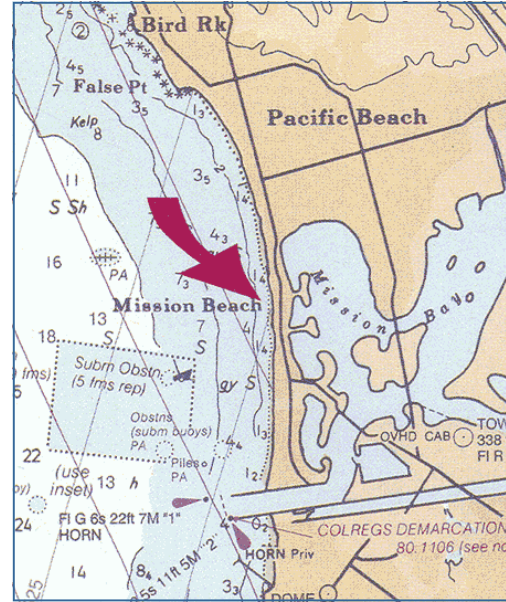
**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Gibbous, 59% of the moon was illuminated.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The swimmer reported being in a school of baitfish when he was bitten.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Waist-deep

**TIME:** 15h30



**NARRATIVE:** Cramer was wading in waist-deep water when he felt something grab his right arm near the elbow and violently shake it. Cramer said he could not see what had struck him because “the water was too murky to see anything clearly.”

**INJURY:** A crescent-shaped wound, composed of five individual tooth punctures. The wound was 7.5 to 10 centimeters in diameter.

**TREATMENT:** Cramer’s injury was minor, and physicians expected a complete recovery for the swimmer. Overnight hospitalization was not required.

**SPECIES:** Several biologists believed the incident involved a small requiem shark, *Carcharhinidae*. James Stewart, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, considered a small blue Shark, *Prionace glauca*, the most likely suspect, as “they are frequently seen close inshore chasing baitfish.” This was yet another instance where the identity of the shark involved in an incident could not be determined.

**SOURCES:** Ralph Collier (2003), page 93; Shark Research Committee, [http://www.sharkresearchcommittee.com/unprovoked\\_swimmer.htm](http://www.sharkresearchcommittee.com/unprovoked_swimmer.htm)

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