

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: **GSAF 1985.02.03**

DATE: Saturday February 3, 1985

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean about 15 miles north of Sebastian Inlet, Florida, USA.

NAME: Michael Mesiano

DESCRIPTION: A 16-year-old male, a Miami high school student.

BACKGROUND

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 70 yards

TIME: Afternoon

NARRATIVE: Michael Mesiano was sitting on his surfboard, waiting for a wave. "All of a sudden, I felt something grab my right foot," he said. "It let go of me and just as I pulled my foot free and paddled for the beach."

INJURY: The surfer's right foot was lacerated.

TREATMENT: Some 17 sutures were needed to close the wound.

SOURCE: Miami Herald, February 4, 1985, page 3B