

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1986.10.00

DATE: A Wednesday in October 1986

LOCATION: The incident took place off Florida Beach (between Melbourne and Sebastian), Florida, USA.



NAME: Ron Dubois

BACKGROUND

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 100 yards

TIME: Morning

NARRATIVE: "I was by myself and paddling for a wave when the shark grabbed my right arm, wrenched me off my board and swam with my arm locked in its mouth for about 100 feet. I finally got my arm out and ended up having to paddle the 100 yards or so to the beach," said the surfer.

INJURY: Severe lacerations to forearm

FIRST AID: "There just happened to be a guy fishing who witnessed the whole thing and carried me into his beach house where he applied a tourniquet and wrapped me in a blanket. I lost a tremendous amount of blood and it took the emergency crews about 20 minutes to reach our location (seemed like 2 hours!!)"

TREATMENT: Everything turned out fine, about six months of hand therapy and I was back in the water.

SPECIES INVOLVED: A tooth fragment was recovered and identified as that of a seven to eight foot bull shark, *Carcharhinus leucas*

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