



ACTIVITY: Shark fishing (by hand)

CASE: [GSAF 1987.06.13](#)

DATE: Saturday June 13, 1987

LOCATION: Near Nest Keys, Florida Bay, Monroe County, Florida, USA.

25°08'55.51"N, 80°30'36.27"W

NAME: Josh Schrutt

DESCRIPTION: A male from Key Largo.



BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: The Nest Keys are small islands in Florida Bay. Florida Bay is an extension of the Gulf of Mexico that separates the Florida Mainland from the Florida Keys.

TIME Afternoon

NARRATIVE: Schrutt saw the shark swim by, grabbed it by the head, and began dragging it to shore "because I wanted to eat it," he said. The shark had other ideas; it "chomped down" on Schrutt's hand and refused to let go.

INJURY: Schrutt sustained lacerations to his left hand.

TREATMENT: He was transported by Florida Marine Patrol to Mariner's Hospital where he received 60 stitches in his hand and was discharged Saturday evening.

SPECIES: The incident involved a five-foot blacktip shark.

NOTE: This was a provoked incident.

SOURCE: Miami Herald, June 14, 1987, page 1B