

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 1988.05.10

**DATE:** Tuesday May 10, 1988

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean just south of Paradise Beach Park, Brevard County, Florida, USA



**NAME:** Philip Barone

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 31-year-old male, a manufacturing technician.

### **BACKGROUND**

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was murky.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 60 feet

**DEPTH OF WATER:** "Shallow"

**TIME:** 18h30

**NARRATIVE:** Philip Barone was surfing alone. He had just ridden a wave into shallow water when he was bitten. "He just bit down and then he let go like I was something he didn't much care for," said the surfer. Barone paddled to shore, crawled up the beach and hailed a passing couple. The pair went to a house and called an ambulance.

**INJURY:** The surfer's left foot was bitten.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** A homeowner wrapped Barone's foot in a towel. At the hospital, the doctor who repaired the injury identified it as a shark bite. It took 35 stitches to close the puncture wounds in his foot.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Not identified. Barone never saw the shark.

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