

ACTIVITY: Unknown

CASE: GSAF 1990.10.30.a

DATE: Tuesday October 30, 1990

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Indialantic, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Mark Evans

DESCRIPTION: He is an 18-year-old male from Indialantic.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 86% of the Moon is Illuminated. Full Moon, November 2, 1990.

TIME: 15h30

NARRATIVE: No details

INJURY: He sustained minor cuts on the left foot.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Unknown

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2 Florida surfers hit by sharks in separate attacks

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) — Two surfers were recovering from separate shark attacks that left one man hospitalized after a shark took his arm in its jaws.

Robert Spratt was paddling into position to catch a wave when he was attacked Tuesday afternoon, fellow surfer Mike Quintal said yesterday.

"All of the sudden, he went to take the last paddle and a shark about six feet long grabbed on to his arm," Mr. Quintal said. "It broke the bones and almost bit his arm in half. . . . It just came up and latched on and wouldn't let go."

The shark thrashed its tail while Mr. Spratt struggled to get free, said Mr. Quintal.

"The shark apparently came up and shook him like a pit bull," said Brevard County fire-rescue spokesman Mark Francesconi. "Apparently he had to punch it two or three times before it released him."

Mr. Quintal helped Mr. Spratt to shore and used his surfboard tether as a tourniquet until an off-duty paramedic fishing in the area arrived and bandaged the wound.

Mr. Spratt, 50, of Melbourne Beach, Fla., was in stable condition yesterday at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne after surgery for severe lacerations to his arm, hospital official said.

About five miles north, another surfer suffered minor cuts on his left foot in a separate shark attack earlier Tuesday, a city spokesman said. Mark Evans, 18, was treated and released.

"This time of year they come in close following the bluefish that are migrating," said shark expert Woody Woodrum.