

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

**CASE:** [GSAF 1991.11.14](#)

**DATE:** Thursday November 14, 1991

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off the Florida coast aboard the 50-foot fishing boat *Ellen Marie*.

**NAME:** John Saenza

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a fisherman.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** First Quarter, November 14, 1991

**TIME:** 12h54

**NARRATIVE:** John Saenza netted a shark. He pulled the shark aboard the boat and was cleaning it when it rolled over and bit his hand.

**INJURY:** The fisherman's hand was bitten.

**TREATMENT:** He was taken to Port Canaveral Coast Guard base where his hand was bandaged. The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Drummond*, was diverted to assist. The injured fisherman was taken to Cape Canaveral Hospital where he was treated and released.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Not identified. The shark was said to be six to eight feet in length.

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**NOTE:** This is a provoked incident.