

ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: GSAF 1993.09.14

DATE: Tuesday September 14, 1993

LOCATION: The incident took place at Huguenot Memorial Park, 17 miles from downtown Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, USA.



NAME: Arthur Quick

DESCRIPTION: He is a 19-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, September 15, 1993

ENVIRONMENT: Huguenot Memorial Park is located on Fort George Island just over the St. Johns River from Mayport. It is a 450-acre horseshoe shaped peninsula, surrounded by three bodies of water - Ft. George Inlet (north), St. Johns River (south), and the Atlantic Ocean (east).

The surfer reported that he was near a school of mullet when he was bitten by the shark.

DEPTH OF WATER: 30 inches

NARRATIVE: Quick had been surfing and was wading when he was bitten. "All of a sudden, I wasn't going nowhere," he said. "When I started to pull my foot out, [the shark] started flipping. I was scared. I just wanted to get my foot out of that thing's mouth."

INJURY: The surfer's left foot was bitten. The bite hit the bone in his foot and there were two rows of teeth marks.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified. The shark was said to be three feet in length.

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Associated Press

Arthur Quick, 19, sits on a hospital bed at University Medical Center in Jacksonville on Wednesday.

Bite won't stop surfer

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Arthur Quick says he doesn't plan to stop surfing just because a shark bit his left foot.

"I'm not going to let a little fish scare me out of the water," said Quick, who was surfing Tuesday at Jacksonville's Huguenot Memorial Park when a 3-foot-shark attacked.

"All of a sudden, I wasn't going nowhere," the 19-year-old surfer told The Florida Times-Union.

"When I started to pull my foot out, he started flipping. . . . I just wanted to get my foot out of that thing's mouth."

Quick was wading in about 2½ feet of water near a school of mullet.

The shark attack was the second in five days in Jacksonville.

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