

ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: GSAF 1996.01.23

DATE: Tuesday January 23, 1996

LOCATION: The incident took place at Bahia Honda State Park, 12 miles south of Marathon on US1 in the Florida Keys, Monroe County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Christopher Riley

DESCRIPTION: He was a 33-year-old male, a tourist from Kansas City, Kansas.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, January 20, 1996

DEPTH OF WATER: Thigh-deep

NARRATIVE: Christopher Riley spotted the shark in the shallows. "He grabbed it by the tail and didn't let go," said Bob Bodner, assistant manager at Bahia Honda State Park. "And it turned around and bit him on the leg. As he said, he was being a stupid tourist," Bodner said.

INJURY: Leg nipped.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Riley's leg was wrapped in a towel and he was taken to Fisherman's Hospital in Marathon for treatment.

SPECIES: The incident involved a 0.9-metre [three-foot] nurse shark.

NOTE: This was a provoked incident.

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