

ACTIVITY: Wade-Fishing

CASE: [GSAF 1997.08.04](#)

DATE: Monday August 4, 1997

LOCATION: The incident took place off Carysfort Lighthouse in the Upper Keys, Monroe County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Pete Swenson

DESCRIPTION: He is an Ocean Reef angler and an Upper Keys real estate broker.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, August 3, 1997



NARRATIVE: Pete Swenson was in the water fishing with a live shrimp hooked on the end of a line wound in his palm. He had already snapped a hog snapper, which he stuck in his dry suit. Another one was on the line when a shark jumped and bit his arm. The shark was apparently after the snapper; said Swenson, "It was a case of mistaken identity." Swenson said he kept his arm above water, pushed the shark away, and ran back to the boat.

INJURY: Six tendons were severed on his left forearm, four on his wrist and a bone was broken in his wrist.

TREATMENT: Two days later Swenson had surgery at Miami's Baptist Hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

SPECIES: The incident involved a 1.5-metre [five-foot] shark, but Swenson didn't know what species of shark was involved.

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