

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: **GSAF 1999.07.26**

DATE: Monday July 26, 1999

LOCATION: The incident took place off Key Colony Beach, Monroe County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Michael Knowles

DESCRIPTION: He is a 43-year-old male from Tampa.

BOAT: A 23-foot motor boat



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, July 28, 1999

DISTANCE TO SHORE: Two miles

TIME: 18h25

NARRATIVE: Knowles came to the Florida Keys to hunt lobster. He was on a friend's boat when he spotted the dolphins and jumped in the water. As soon as he jumped in the water with the dolphins, he saw a bull shark and tried to ward it off by kicking its head. At the same time he says another shark bit his other leg.

INJURY: He sustained five one-inch cuts just above his ankle.

TREATMENT: His injuries were sutured at Fisherman's Hospital in Marathon, Florida.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The incident involved a bull shark about 2.1 metres [seven feet] in length.

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