

ACTIVITY: Body surfing

CASE: [GSAF 1999.10.30.a](#)

DATE: Saturday October 30, 1999

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Gulfstream Park beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Troy Jesse

DESCRIPTION: He is a 13-year-old male, a student at the Congress Middle School.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 61% of the moon's visible disk illuminated. Last Quarter, October 31, 1999.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky.

ENVIRONMENT: According to lifeguards, sharks are migrating along the coast.

TIME: 15h00

NARRATIVE: "I was just about to catch a wave and I felt something jerk my leg," Jesse said. "I'm lucky I caught that wave."

Lifeguards ordered everyone out of the water for 30 minutes afterwards. "We always get everybody out of the water for 30 minutes when something like this happens," said Manuel Mesa, a training supervisor for Palm Beach County lifeguards. "Then, if we don't see anything else, we let people back in."

INJURY: No injury. The shark bit an eight-inch chunk out of the swim fin Jesse was wearing on his left foot.

SPECIES: Not identified

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