

ACTIVITY: Walking

CASE: GSAF 2000.09.08.b

DATE: Friday September 8, 2000

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean opposite the Coconut Palm Resort (611 S. Atlantic Avenue), New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.
29°N, 81°W

NAME: Terrill Crane

DESCRIPTION: Crane, a 40-year-old male, is a visitor from Atlanta, Georgia. He was wearing dark green knee-length swim trunks and had long brown braided hair with colored beads.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 75% of the Moon's visible disk illuminated. Full Moon, September 13, 2000.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky.

ENVIRONMENT: A state official said that since the net ban, "larger schools of mullet are coming closer to shore, and the large schools of baitfish are attracting much bigger fish such as bull sharks and tarpon, which can sometimes be seen feeding in the surf." Local shark researchers, however, say that there are simply more people in the water, which increases the odds of human-shark encounters.

DEPTH OF WATER AT INCIDENT SITE: Three feet

TIME: 11h45

NARRATIVE: Five other people were within 10 feet of Terrill Crane when the incident took place. He was walking in the water when he saw the shark coming toward him, so he kicked at it and it bit him. "I called to my wife to get out of the water," said Crane, "then I got out."

INJURY: Crane sustained two three-inch lacerations to the dorsum of his left foot and three lacerations to the sole of the foot.

FIRST AID: A bystander ran to the nearest lifeguard tower to summon help, and emergency medical crews provided first aid.

TREATMENT: He was treated at Bert Fish Medical Center emergency room and released.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Crane reported that the shark was about 1.5 metres [5'] in length.

SOURCES: Mark I. Johnson, Daytona Beach News Journal, September 9, 2000, page 1A; Orlando Sentinel, September 9, 2000, page D2

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