

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2000.10.09

DATE: Monday October 9, 2000

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Marriott's Ocean Pointe Resort near Lake Worth Inlet in West Palm Beach, Florida, USA.

NAME: Matt Kraskiewicz

DESCRIPTION: The surfer is a 17-year-old male from Fort Lauderdale.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, October 5, 2000. Full Moon, October 13, 2000

ENVIRONMENT: The teen was surfing amid a school of baitfish.

TIME: Afternoon



NARRATIVE: Matt Kraskiewicz was surfing with some friends when they spotted a school of baitfish. A friend tried to get Kraskiewicz's attention to get away but it was too late. The shark bit down on the teen's foot. He returned to shore.

INJURY: The surfer sustained lacerations to his left foot.

FIRST AID: Amber McKinney, 14, and Melissa Gosnell, 15, from Royal Palm Beach High School used towels to control the bleeding and called 911 for assistance.

TREATMENT: The surfer was taken to St. Mary's Medical Center.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified. According to the surfer, the incident involved a 2.1 to 2.4 m shark.

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