

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** **GSAF 2000.10.20**

**DATE:** Friday October 20, 2000

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean about 50 yards north of Fort Pierce Inlet State Park, St Lucie County, Florida, USA.

27.4°N, 80.5°W



**NAME:** Jason Licamele

**DESCRIPTION:** The surfer is a 23-year-old male. He moved to the area six months ago to work at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution.

### BACKGROUND

**WEATHER:** At 17h53, Fort Pierce recorded clear skies and visibility of 10 miles. The air temperature was 79°F[26.1°C], dew point 68°F [20°C], humidity 69%, sea level pressure 30.06 in [1018.0 hPa], and wind direction was Variable at 4.6 mph [7.4 km/h].

**MOON PHASE:** Last Quarter, October 20, 2000

**TIME:** A little after 18h00

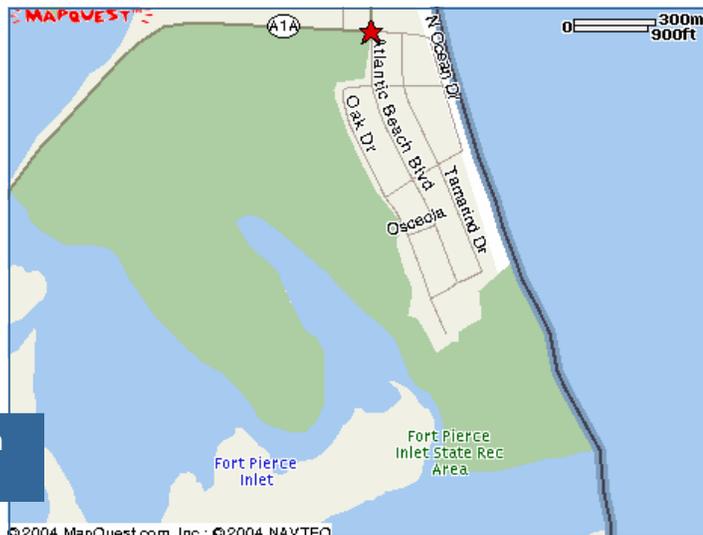
**NARRATIVE:** Jason Licamele and his roommate and co-worker Brian Garr, 25, had been surfing nearly every day since they relocated to Fort Pierce. They were surfing together when Licamele saw a dark shape moving underwater towards him. “He saw the shark heading straight for him when it was about 30 yards away,” said Garr. “But he couldn’t react.” Garr heard Licamele scream, saw him falling in the water, then paddle swiftly back to shore.

**INJURY:** The surfer sustain a “huge gash” on his right leg.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** Licamele made his up to a bench at the Radisson Beach Resort access on North A1A while Garr ran to the resort’s restaurant for help. Licamele was treated at the scene by St. Lucie County Fire Rescue personnel and was taken to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Garr said that he believed the incident involved a bull shark, *Carcharhinus leucas*, about six to seven feet in length.

**SOURCE:** Stuart News, October 21, 2000



The location of the Radisson Beach Resort is marked by the red star