



**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** [GSAF 2001.06.12](#)

**DATE:** Saturday June 12, 2001

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Gulf of Mexico about 10 miles south of Malaquite Beach along the Padre Island National Seashore, Texas.

**NAME:** Jared Black

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 14-year-old male from San Antonio, Texas.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Last Quarter, June 13, 2001

**DEPTH OF WATER AT INCIDENT SITE:** Waist-deep

**NARRATIVE:** Jared Black was swimming with his cousin when he felt something hit his leg. "It scared me half to death," he said. "I jumped out of the water and it hit my cousin and knocked him over." The teen said that he felt a small sting, but when he looked at his leg, he saw blood. "It just freaked me out," he said.

**INJURY:** Laceration to the lower right leg.

**TREATMENT:** His parents took him to Bay Area Hospital in Corpus Christi, where the injury was repaired with 10 stitches.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** A park ranger who saw the wound believed the incident involved a bull shark or blacktip shark measuring at least five feet in length.

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