

**CASE:** GSAF 2001.07.24

**DATE:** Wednesday July 24, 2001

**LOCATION:** The accident took place off Marathon, Monroe County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** Female

**BACKGROUND**

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was murky.

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Crescent, 21% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter July 27, 2001.



**NARRATIVE:** No details.

**INJURY:** She sustained two marks on her posterior lower thigh behind the knee: one was two inches wide, the second was 1.5 inches wide.

**TREATMENT:** She was taken to Fisherman's Hospital for treatment.

**SPECIES:** The accident involved a nurse shark. Nurse sharks are not considered aggressive and are frequently be seen on the reef where they feed on shellfish and lobster. "Nurse sharks are known to frequent the same holes as lobsters," said Steve Acton, officer for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

**SOURCE:** The Key West Citizen, July 26, 2001