

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2002.05.22.b](#)

**DATE:** Wednesday May 22, 2002

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Gulf of Mexico on a pier at the end of Caxambas Drive on the south end of Marco Island, Collier County, Florida, USA.  
25.9°N, 81.7°W

**NAME:** Not identified

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 66-year-old male.

### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** The sky was partly cloudy and the air temperature was 86°F [30°C].

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, May 26, 2002

**TIME:** 17h15

**NARRATIVE:** "In the process of getting the shark off his line, it bit him in the leg, said Marco Island police Lt. Dave Baer. "The man dropped the shark after it started to thrash out of his hand."

**INJURY:** His left calf was bitten.

**FIRST AID:** An off-duty firefighter was at the pier at the time and immediately started helping the man, Baer said. The injury to the man was not believed to be serious and he was talking to rescuers as he was being treated on the pier.

**TREATMENT:** The man was taken to the Naples Community Hospital.

**SPECIES:** The incident involved a blacktip shark, three feet in length. "It happens regularly," said local shark expert, Bob Hueter. "But most people get out of the way and let the shark go before it can bite them."

**NOTE:** This is a provoked incident; it involved a hooked shark.

**SOURCE:** Florida New-Press, May 23, 2002, page 1B