

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

**CASE:** GSAF 2002.09.27.b

**DATE:** Friday September 27, 2002

**LOCATION:** The incident took place off Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida, USA.

25.1°N, 80.4°W

**NAME:** Jose "Pepe" Díaz

**DESCRIPTION:** He is the mayor of Sweetwater and commissioner-elect of Miami-Dade.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Last Quarter, September 29, 2002

**ENVIRONMENT:** In two hours the group reeled in about 15 snapper.

**TIME:** Afternoon.



**NARRATIVE:** Jose Diaz was on a boat with his future chief of staff Domingo Moya, a Sweetwater police captain and the city's chief engineer. Moya caught the shark and they were trying to release it. As Díaz was cutting the shark loose from the line, the shark snapped at him, lacerating his thumb. The line snapped and the shark splashed into the water.

**INJURY:** The left thumb was bitten to the bone.

**TREATMENT:** The fisherman's was treated at Kendall Regional Medical Center where nine stitches were needed to repair the injury.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** According to Diaz, the incident involved a blacktip shark, *Carcharhinus limbatus*, about 1.8 metres [six feet] in length.

**NOTE:** This incident is classed as a provoked attack because the shark had been hooked.

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