

ACTIVITY: Surfing.

CASE: **GSF 2002.09.29**

DATE: Sunday September 29, 2002.

LOCATION: The incident took place near Sebastian Inlet, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Dave Fogelberg

DESCRIPTION: The surfer is a 32-year-old male, a veterinarian at Aloha Pet & Bird Hospital in Indiatlantic, Florida.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, September 29, 2002

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky.

ENVIRONMENT: Baitfish were in the vicinity.

NARRATIVE: Fogelberg was sitting on his board, talking to a friend. "Suddenly a shark came out of the water," Fogelberg said. "I saw his nose peel back and his teeth come out. The shark latched onto my hand. It pulled me down, pulled me off my board, pulled me into the water. I was thinking that he's going to come after me again because I saw blood everywhere. I was sort of panicking a little bit."

Fogelberg was rescued by his friend and put back on his surfboard. Both paddled in and then they went for medical help.

INJURY: The surfer's left hand and arm were lacerated.

FIRST AID: "They put a quick impromptu bandage and we rushed to the emergency clinic," Fogelberg said.

TREATMENT: The surfer was "was stitched up at a hospital and released," according to press reports. Some 70 stitches were needed to repair the injury. He is expected to fully recover.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified, but according to witnesses the shark was about eight feet in length.

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