

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 2003.02.15.a

DATE: Saturday February 15, 2003

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean in front of the swimmer's home, 1.5 miles south of the Hobe Sound Public Beach, Jupiter, Palm Beach County, Florida, USA.

26.9°N, 80.1°W

NAME: James Bailey

DESCRIPTION: The swimmer is a 54-year-old male from Jupiter.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 11h53, West Palm Beach recorded mostly cloudy skies and visibility of 10 miles. The air temperature was 80.1°F [26.7°C], dew point 69.1°F [20.6°C], humidity 69%, sea level pressure 30.11 inches [1019.4 hPa], and wind direction was SE at 17.3 mph [27.8 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, February 16, 2003

TIME: 12h10

NARRATIVE: No details are available.

INJURY: His left hand was severely bitten by the shark.

TREATMENT: The patient was flown to St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach where he was listed in stable condition later the same afternoon.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified.

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