

**ACTIVITY:** Unknown

**CASE:** **GSAF 2006.05.10**

**DATE:** Wednesday May 10, 2006

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean in an area known as the Resort, a townhouse complex near the Hilton Hotel in Cocoa Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

*28°32'N, 80°61'W*

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** Male

### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** Although no rain fell on the day of the incident, the sky was partly cloudy throughout the morning and overcast when the incident took place. The air temperature was 81°F. The wind was from the east at eight to 10 mph, humidity was 74%, barometric pressure was 29.96 inches, dewpoint was 72°F, heat index was 85°F, wind chill was 1°F, and visibility was seven miles [11.3 kilometres].

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Gibbous

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water temperature was 78F [26C], and there was little surf; wave height was 1.97 feet [0.60 m] and swells were two feet or less. Mean low Tide was at 12h37.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Brad Powers, the assistant chief of the Brevard County Ocean Lifeguard Division. said that two weeks ago in Indialantic he spotted black-tipped sharks swimming in three feet of water chasing bait fish. "The sharks were actually beaching themselves and just in a frenzy trying to get to those bait fish." Powers said. Most of Brevard's beaches won't have seven-day-a-week coverage until later this month when the Memorial Day weekend arrives. Until then, "if people see a shark they should get out of the water. Right now we can't shut down the beach because we don't have the manpower to keep swimmers out of the water," said Powers, who is patrolling 40 miles of shoreline on a jet ski.

**TIME:** 12h15

**NARRATIVE:** No details, except the man was in the surf when he was injured. The beach remained open throughout the afternoon.

**INJURY:** "The guy had some small lacerations to the arm", said to Brad Powers. According to a press report, the man said he had been bitten on the hand and arm by a shark.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** The man was not badly injured, refused medical treatment, and drove to Cape Canaveral Hospital where he checked into the emergency room, and received treatment.



**SPECIES:** Not identified

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