

ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: **GSF 2006.09.14**
DATE: Thursday September 14, 2006
LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Singer Island, Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, USA.
26°46'48"N, 80°4'2"W

NAME: William Carol
DESCRIPTION: He is a 55-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 13h53, West Palm Beach recorded mostly cloudy skies and visibility of 10miles [16.1 km]. The air temperature was 89.1°F [31.7°C], dew point 73°F [22.8°C], humidity 59%, sea level pressure 29.91 inches [1012.8 hPa] and the wind direction was southwest at 13.8 mph [22.2 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 50% of the Moon's visible disk was illuminated. New Moon September 22, 2006.

SEA CONDITIONS: Mean high tide at Palm Beach occurred at 14h56.

TIME: 14h00

NARRATIVE: Palm Beach Shores Police Lt. Steve Langevin said the man was swimming when he was bitten by the shark.

INJURY: The shark bit the swimmer's left hand. Authorities called it a "minor bite".

TREATMENT: He was treated at St. Mary's Medical Center and released. He was expected to make a full recovery.

SPECIES: Carol said the shark was about three feet in length and dark in color. Local authorities believed the incident involved a spinner shark.

SOURCES: Palm Beach Post, September 14, 2006

WFTV, September 15, 2006.

