

ACTIVITY: Net fishing
CASE: **GSAF 2008.12.14**
DATE: Sunday, December 14, 2008
LOCATION: Maraetai, a suburb of Auckland, North Island, New Zealand.

NAME: Ken Lindberg
DESCRIPTION: Male

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, December 13, 2008



NARRATIVE: Lindberg was fishing with his friend, Jeremy. "We were just checking the net, just walking along lifting the top up a bit," he said. "The next thing I felt this almighty clamp go around my leg."

Lindberg said his left leg started to tighten up as the pair waded back through the surf but was only able to look when they reached shallow water. "All I could see was this almighty gash and a lot of blood pouring out."

INJURY: Lacerations to lateral left lower leg and his Achilles tendon was severed.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: It took Lindberg 10 minutes to walk to shore. At a friend's house, a towel was wrapped around the wounds to stop the bleeding. Then his friend's wife then took him to Beachlands Medical Centre. He was transported by ambulance from the Medical Centre to a hospital where his injuries were sutured. He needed 10 stitches above his ankle, four stitches to close his severed Achilles tendon. He remained hospitalized for five days.

SPECIES: Department of Conservation shark expert Clinton Duffy said if Lindberg's wounds were made by a shark it was probably a bronze whaler shark.

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