

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** GSAF 2009.05.25

**DATE:** Monday May 25, 2009

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Gulf of Mexico at Clearwater Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Dana Joseph

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a male from Orlando, Florida.

**BACKGROUND**

**ENVIRONMENT:** The incident took place near Pier 60. Lifeguards were not on duty at the time of the incident.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 100 yards

**TIME:** 20h30

**NARRATIVE:** "I went out in the water a little too deep and a shark grabbed my leg," Dana Joseph said. He said he swam away as fast as he could, and got as many children out of the water as possible.

**INJURY:** Paramedics who treated the wound to the swimmer's right foot described it as a "very minor injury".

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** The swimmer declined ambulance transport to a local hospital. Apparently he sought treatment some time afterwards.

**SPECIES:** Joseph said he saw a shark about five to eight feet long.

**SOURCES:** Tampa Bay Online, May 26, 2009  
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*Dana Joseph*



*A shark caught near the pier late Monday night.*