

ACTIVITY: Spearfishing
CASE: **GSAF 2010.01.06**
DATE: Wednesday January 6, 2010
LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Elliott Key, Miami-Dade County, Florida, USA.
25°26'35"N, 80°11'50"W



NAME: Dreice Chirino
DESCRIPTION: He is a 32-year-old male, a commercial fisherman.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 10h20, weather station KFLCORAL13 (Coral Gables) recorded air temperature of 50.7°F, dew point 32.7°F, humidity 58%, sea level pressure 30.22inches, and wind direction was NW at 3 mph with gusts to 11 mph, and there was no precipitation throughout the day.

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 55% of the Moon was illuminated.

ENVIRONMENT: Elliott Key is the northernmost of the true Florida Keys. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east, Biscayne Bay to the west, Sands Key (across Sands Cut) to the north and Old Rhodes Key (across Caesar Creek) to the south.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 2.5 miles

TIME: 10h15



Dreice Chirino

NARRATIVE: Dreice Chirino fishing for barracuda east of Elliott Key. He snagged a barracuda. A nearby bull shark lunged for the fish and ended up biting the man.

INJURY: Lacerations and nerve damage to arm.

FIRST AID TREATMENT: Lazaro Cabrera, Chirino's fishing partner used a rope as a tourniquet to stem blood loss and headed their boat for shore, reaching the dock at Matheson Hammock Marina Marina (9610 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida) about 10h40. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue had responded and transported the man to South Miami Hospital.

SPECIES: The incident was thought to involve a bull shark about 12 feet in length.

SOURCES: Miami, Wednesday January 6, 2010, <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local-beat/Dont-Go-in-the-Water-Shark-Bites-Man-in-Miami-80809452.html>
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