

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: [GSAF 2010.05.30](#)

DATE: Sunday May 30, 2010

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Gulf of Mexico 50 miles northwest of Tarpon Springs, Pinellas County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Mike Seymore

DESCRIPTION: He is a 49-year-old male, a commercial fisherman from Spring Hill.

BOAT: *Miss Irene*, a 40-foot commercial fishing boat out of Tarpon Springs.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 90% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, May 27, 2010.

TIME: 08h45

NARRATIVE: Seymore and another crew member were in the fourth day of a 10-day trip. Seymore was fishing for grouper when he caught the shark. He said that he usually just takes the hook out of the shark's mouth after he gets it onboard, then tosses it back into the water. "I took the hook out and he jumped the wrong way or I moved the wrong way," he said, "and he got a hold of my leg. That's it. I got careless. He got me."

INJURY: Laceration to left calf.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The Coast Guard launched a Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater MH-60 Jayhawk rescue helicopter and crew. They arrived on scene and safely hoisted Seymore aboard at about 10h30 and transferred him to Tampa General Hospital. At the hospital, his injury was repaired with 12 staples, and he was released.

SPECIES: The incident involved a lemon shark, four feet in length.

NOTE: This was a provoked incident; it involved a hooked shark.



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