

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 2010.10.02.a

**DATE:** Saturday October 2, 2010

**LOCATION:** The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Elbow Cay, Abaco, Bahamas.

**NAME:** Jane Engle

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a female from Hope Town, Abaco.



**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** New Moon, October 7, 2010

**ENVIRONMENT:** "There has never, in recent memory, been any shark attack here," said her husband. Sometimes these smaller sharks are a little more aggressive but we have surfed this whole area for the last 30 years and have never had a problem before. We think its an isolated event."

**TIME:** 15h00

**NARRATIVE:** She was surfing with her husband, Ronald Engle, and some friends when she was bitten.

**INJURY:** She sustained bite marks between her left ankle and knee.

**TREATMENT:** Her husband said "Luckily we had a couple of my buddies there who helped transport her. We had to put her in a boat and then get her to a car, then on to the medical centre. . . .There is no threat of her losing her leg or anything. Luckily the shark bit down a couple of times and let go. The wound is bad but it could have been a lot worse," Mr Engle said, while crediting the medical personnel at Hope Town for their assistance. Her injuries required 75 to 100 stitches.

**SPECIES:** The accident was thought to involve a lemon shark. Her husband said the shark, which was yellowish brown in color and between five to six feet long, was spotted only after the attack.

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