

ACTIVITY: Spearfishing

CASE: [GSAF 2011.04.26](#)

DATE: Tuesday April 26, 2011

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Anthony Segrich

DESCRIPTION: He is a 33-year-old male from Delray Beach.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 35% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, May 3, 2011

DEPTH OF WATER: 120 feet, but the accident took place 60 feet below the surface.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Three miles

DEPTH OF WATER: 110 feet



Anthony Segrich

NARRATIVE: Anthony Segrich and two friends, John Ippolito and Tony Crumprine, had been hunting cobia and grouper for much of the day and had spearfished at five or six spots. “Segrich shot a fish was bringing the fish to the surface when the shark bit him, then came at him a second time. It seemed like the shark went to go grab the fish and he missed it and got his leg”, said Crumprine.

Ippolito, who was in the water and 10 feet from Segrich at the time of the accident, said, “I think he was more 'did it really get me' or he didn't know because it happened like that and then he started to see a little bit of blood and that's when he started screaming.”

INJURY: Seagrigh sustained a bite to his calf. The arc of tooth impressions in his wetsuit measured 13 inches.

FIRST AID: Ippolito and Crumprine quickly got Segrich out of the water, placed a tourniquet control blood loss, elevated his leg and headed for shore. Riviera Beach Fire and Rescue transported the diver from a boat ramp at Phil Foster Park to St. Mary's Medical Center in Riviera Beach. “He was conscious and responsive,” according to officials.

TREATMENT: Segrich underwent surgery Tuesday night. At the hospital, his friends said doctors removed more skin and fat than muscle. Doctors put 126 stitches in his leg and he is facing several months of rehab. Despite that, he says he plans to go spearfishing again. The surgeon, Dr. Robert Borrego, said he expects Segrich to recover full use of his leg.

SPECIES: The accident was said to involve a bull shark, 12 feet in length.

SOURCES: Palm Beach Post, April 27 and 29, 2011

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