

**ACTIVITY:** Spearfishing  
**CASE:** [GSAF 2012.07.07.c](#)  
**DATE:** Saturday July 7, 2012  
**LOCATION:** Eleuthera, Bahamas.

**NAME:** Sean Connelly

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Gibbous, 89% of the Moon was illuminated. Last Quarter, July 10, 2012.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Three feet

**NARRATIVE:** Sean had been spearfishing about 200 yards off the shore in 25 to 30 feet of water for an hour and had shot several fish. He was returning to shore with his catch and was in shallow water when he felt a sharp pain to his leg. Thinking he had bumped into something, he spun around and saw a shark on his leg. "I started swinging at it and not sure if I hit it but it let go of me," said Sean.



**INJURY:** There were two arcs of lacerations encompassing the anterior right knee. The laceration on the medial aspect of the knee / lower thigh was very deep, but the artery was intact.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** Sean reached shore and collapsed. A man he had met before entering the water controlled blood loss. The man and his family put him in their car and drove him to the clinic on the island. At the clinic his injury was cleaned and they arranged for a Medevac flight to Nassau, where Sean was hospitalized.

**SPECIES:** Not identified

**SOURCE:** Sean Connelly