

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 2012.09.24

**DATE:** Monday September 24, 2012

**LOCATION:** The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near Spanish House Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Brandon Murray

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 22-year-old male from West Palm Beach. He was wearing red, yellow and orange trunks.



*Spanish House Beach surf break*

### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Gibbous, 70% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, September 22, 2012.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The mullet run is a migration that occurs each fall. The fish move out of the intercoastal waterways, through the inlets and alongside the beaches, and marine predators feed upon them.

**TIME:** Afternoon

**NARRATIVE:** Brandon Murray was about to take his last wave into shore when a shark came of the water with its mouth wide open. "Right when I turned around, the shark just jumped out of the water and spun and just grabbed my foot," he said.

**INJURY:** The surfer's left foot was bitten. Indian River Medical Center hospital spokeswoman said Murray lost his left little toe and described his remaining ones as mangled.



*Brandon Murray*

**TREATMENT:** Murray was treated at Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach and released Monday. His injuries required 40 stitches.

**SPECIES:** Not identified. According to the surfer, the shark was about four feet in length.

**SOURCES:** Lamaur Stancil, TC Palm, September 26, 2012

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