

CASE: GSAF 2012.10.16

DATE: Tuesday October 16, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Hobe Sound Beach, Martin County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: Male

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 16h47, Stuart recorded partly cloudy skies and seven-mile visibility. The air temperature was 82.4°F, dew point 68°F, humidity 62%, sea level pressure 29.80 inches and wind direction was NNE at 11.5 mph.

MOON PHASE: New Moon, October 16, 2012

ENVIRONMENT: According to a local resident and bodyboarder, Joseph Rush, "It's the time of year for blacktip reef sharks to feed in this area. I have seen sharks the last two or three weeks; they have been coming through here and they have been putting the shark flag up."

TIME: 17h00

NARRATIVE: Residents who were at the beach heard the man's friends say he was nipped by a shark.

INJURY: Minor injury. According to Rush, the injury required only a single bandage on one toe.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The man was transported by ambulance to a local hospital.

SPECIES: It is not known if the man's injury was caused by a shark.

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