



ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: [GSAF 2013.04.04](#)

DATE: Thursday April 4, 2013

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Jensen Beach, Martin County, Florida, USA.
27° 14'6"N, 80° 13'52"W

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: He is a 50-year-old male.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 12h47, Stuart recorded overcast skies and visibility of seven miles. The air temperature was 82.4°F, dew point 68°F, humidity 62%, sea level pressure 30.03 inches, and wind direction was South at 9.2 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 34% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, April 10, 2013.

ENVIRONMENT: Jensen Beach occupies a narrow spit of land on Florida's Treasure Coast. "The whole morning, dolphins were feeding out here, about 200 (or) 250 feet out in the water and you can see how murky it is for a little way out and then it kind of clears up," said witness Ron Waller. Dan Lund, a lifeguard/EMT with Martin County Ocean Rescue, said they typically see the most sharks from November to around March, with some shark activity in September during a mullet run.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 100 yards

TIME: 13h05

NARRATIVE: Few details. Lund said the man is a regular at the beach and that he typically swims a good distance off shore. "He was yelling," Lund said. "Had his hand up in the air." Lund said a surfer — an off duty lifeguard from Palm Beach County — reached the man first. "I took the rescue board out and we got him," Lund said. "We brought him in and then we got him on the beach."

The beach was closed for the remainder of Thursday, but was opened on Friday.

NJURY: The man sustained lacerations to his hand.

TREATMENT: Martin County Fire Rescue officials took the man to Martin Memorial Medical Center for treatment.

REPORTED BY: Al Brenneka, Shark Attack Survivors.

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