



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2013.11.07.a](#)

DATE: Thursday November 7, 2013

LOCATION: The incident took place at Floridana Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Sandor Melian

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 08h53, Melbourne recorded partly cloudy skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 73.9°F, dew point 70°F, humidity 87%, sea level pressure 30.04 inches and wind direction was NNW at 5.8 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 22% of the Moon was illuminated.

NARRATIVE: Sandor Melian and Dr. David Dominguez were surfing together. “As I was going back to the line of waves I felt a hard bump on back of left leg,” said Melian. “I was going over the face of the wave and that’s where it got me. At first I thought it was the doctor hitting me with his board. When I looked back and saw the tendon. When I looked back I could see my tendon exposed and the bottom of my toes bleeding. It took my foot from the back heel to front toe, it didn’t really clamp down or take anything from me. I’m a medic. I calmed down because I didn’t want to create too much tension. I took a wave on my stomach.”

INJURY: Melian sustained a severed tendon. "There is a fragment of a tooth left in my toe where the tooth is so I'm taking antibiotics to keep it from getting infected," said the surfer.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Dr. Dominguez provided immediate assistance. Some 20 stitches were needed to repair the injury.

SPECIES: Not identified. According to Melian, the shark was six to eight feet in length.

SOURCE: Matt O'Hern, Space Coast Daily, November 11, 2013,
<http://spacecoastdaily.com/2013/11/doctor-rescues-surfing-buddy-from-shark-attack/>