

**ACTIVITY:** Scuba diving / spearfishing

**CASE:** GSAF 2014.05.10.R

**DATE:** Reported May 10, 2014

**LOCATION:** The incident took place at Bethel Shoals\* near Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida, USA.

*27°43'29"N, 080°10'47"W*

**NAME:** Jimmy Roseman

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a male from West Melbourne Florida.

**BACKGROUND**

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was very murky.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** 90 feet



**NARRATIVE:** Roseman had a GoPro camera attached to his helmet or dive mask when the shark approached. From the front (not from behind the diver). The diver kept still, always keeping the shark in view and facing it.

In the video, Roseman sees the shark at a distance. Over the course of two minutes it circles then returns repeatedly, coming closer and closer to Roseman, finally brushing him with his fin. Then Roseman uses his spear gun to prod the shark and it swims away unharmed. In the video, the shark does not display any aggression, rather it displays curiosity about the diver. It is not known if the diver had speared any fish prior to the encounter.

**INJURY:** Neither the diver nor the shark sustained any injury.

**SPECIES:** The incident involved a white shark, estimated to be 12 feet in length.

\*One source reports that the incident occurred off the coast of Orlando, Florida.

**NOTE:** Although the media reported this incident as a shark attack, GSAF classifies it as an encounter.