

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing? Swimming?\*

**CASE:** [GSAF 2015.07.04.a](#)

**DATE:** Saturday July 4, 2015

**LOCATION:** Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital spokesman Raymond Applewhite told WITN-TV in Washington that a 32-year-old Marine was bitten offshore at Surf City on Saturday, Independence Day. Surf City, Pender County, North Carolina, USA. Pender County Emergency Management and Surf City Police say they received no calls of shark bites in the area, so the exact location of the incident is unknown.

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 32-year-old male, a marine.

### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** Surf City/Topsail Inlet recorded clear skies. The maximum air temperature during the day was 90°F at 15h56, but by 21h56 it had cooled to 81°F and the sea level pressure was 30.2 inches (rising).

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Gibbous, 91% of the Moon was illuminated.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The sea surface temperature was 80F, estimated. The surf height was two feet. Mean low tides at Topsail Inlet occurred at 05h32 and 17h53, mean high tides occurred at 10h54 and 23h14.

**TIME:** Evening

**INJURY:** Lacerations to right forearm and hand

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** Hospital spokesman Nat Fahy said the Marine was transported to the hospital by a friend. He was admitted before 21h41 (10:41 p.m.) and after treatment he was released at around 03h:30 on Sunday.

**SOURCES:** Washington Times, July 7, 2015

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/jul/6/shark-attack-camp-lejeune-marine-eighth-victim-nor/>

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<http://www.wyff4.com/news/camp-lejeune-marine-treated-for-shark-bite-off-nc-coast/34030188>

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\*One media source reports he was swimming, while other says the incident occurred "offshore"