



**ACTIVITY:** Body boarding

**CASE:** GSAF 2015.10.05.b

**DATE:** Monday October 5, 2015

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Pepper Park Beachside in Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, Florida, USA.

27°29'58.01"N, 80°18'01.58"W



Mullet Run

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** A 22-year-old male.

### BACKGROUND

**WEATHER:** At 12h53, KFPR (the airport nearest Fort Pierce) recorded scattered clouds and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 79°F, dew point 66.9°F, humidity 66%, sea level pressure 29.78 inches and wind direction was West at 6.9 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Last Quarter, 42% of the Moon was illuminated.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The annual mullet run along Florida's coast typically lasts through September and October as the fish migrate out of inlets and into the sea. Massive schools of mullet were in the water when the man was bitten by a shark.



Mullet, *Mugil cephalus*

There are several shallow nearshore reefs located less than 100 yards off the beach, and the 1715 wreck of the treasure-laden Spanish Galleon *Urca de Lima*, the state's first underwater archeological preserve, lies in 20 feet of water.

**TIME:** 13h00

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**NARRATIVE:** Three people were in the water when the man was bitten by a shark. He was able to swim to shore by himself and waved to lifeguards for help. The beach was closed following the incident.

**INJURY:** Two deep lacerations to right ankle.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** The man was taken to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center where the injury was stitched.

**SPECIES:** Not identified.

**SOURCES:** CBS12, October 5, 2015

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