

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2015.10.19

DATE: Monday October 19, 2015

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean next to the Deerfield Beach Fishing Pier, Broward County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Peter Kirn

DESCRIPTION: A 21-year-old male

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 13h53, KPMP, the airport closest to Deerfield beach recorded scattered clouds and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 82.9°F, heat index 84.6°F, dew point 64.9°F, humidity 54%, sea level pressure 30.13 inches and wind direction was NE at 19.6mph with gusts to 29.9 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 37% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, October 20, 2015.

ENVIRONMENT: Fishermen on the pier said that there was a lot of bait fish in the water which attracts larger fish to the area.

DISTANCE TO SHORE: 50 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Six to seven feet

TIME: 13h50

NARRATIVE: Peter Kirn said he wanted to take advantage of the high winds and catch a few waves on his surfboard. He had been surfing with a friend for about 20 minutes and was just seaward of the fishing pier. "I was lying down on my board paddling for a wave so my feet were hanging off and had just come out of the water," said Kirn. Then he saw a spinner shark leap from the water and twirl in the air. "The shark must have seen my feet and just jumped right out and grabbed them," Kirn said.

INJURY: Multiple lacerations to dorsum and sole of left foot

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Kirn paddled to shore and went to a lifeguard tower for help. Lifeguards called 911. Ocean Rescue stabilized his injuries. The surfer was transported to Broward Health North and admitted. Twenty stitches were required to repair the injury.

SPECIES: A five-foot spinner shark

SOURCES: 6 South Florida, October 19, 2015

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