

Vero Beach Pier



ACTIVITY: Swimming / body surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2016.03.11](#)

DATE: Friday March 11, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Vero Beach, St Lucie County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Daniel Kenny

DESCRIPTION: A 19-year-old male, a sophomore at Boston College.



Daniel Kenny

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 15h53, Vero Beach Municipal airport recorded clear skies and 10 mile visibility. The air temperature was 79°F, dew point 63°F, humidity 58%, sea level pressure 30.17 inches and wind direction was SE at 18.4 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 10% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, March 8, 2016.

ENVIRONMENT: Swarms of shark had recently been spotted in the area.

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: 15h30

NARRATIVE: Daniel Kenny and his best friend were spending their last day of spring break vacation in the water when he felt something slam into his right ankle and foot. "I think I screamed," Kenny said. "And then I took a couple of steps to run and then it bit me again. That's when I screamed, I'm bit, I'm bit!"

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The patient received treatment at the scene from first responders, then taken to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute in Fort Pierce where doctors cleaned the wound. Next day Kenny boarded his flight back to Boston where he underwent surgery at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, just a few miles from his classes at BC.

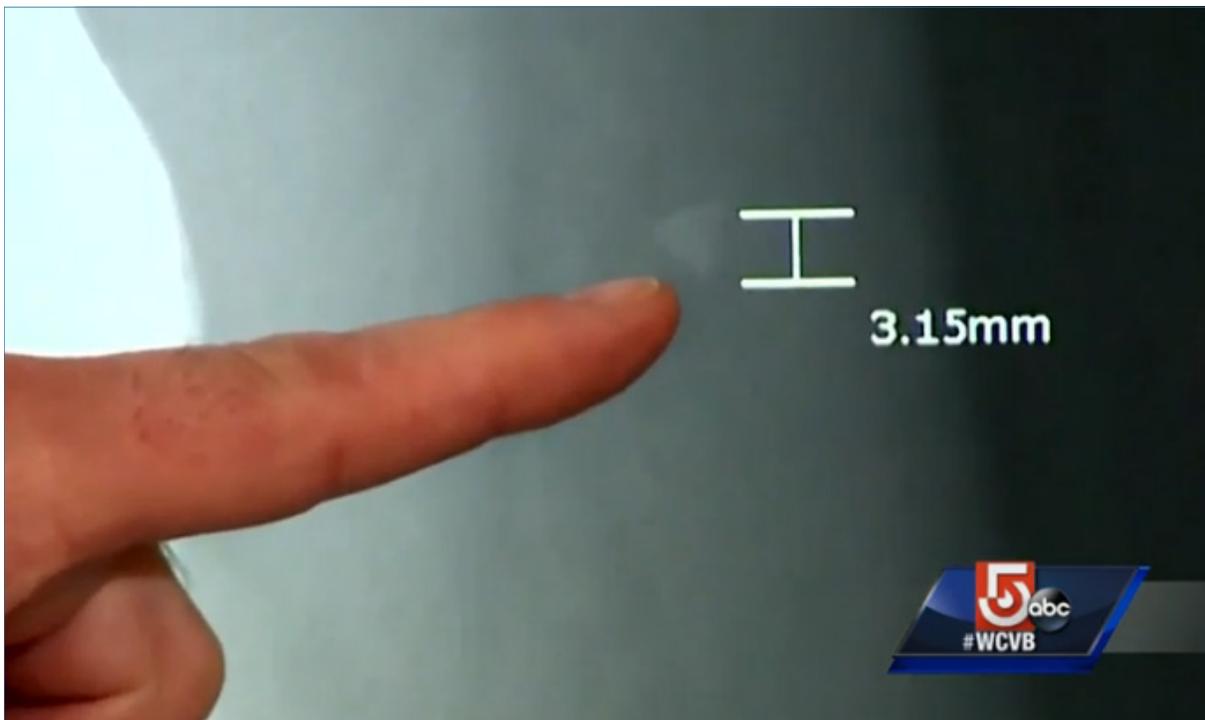
In Boston, Dr. Robert Nascimento repaired Kenny's sliced Achilles tendon and removed a small fragment of shark tooth. "Everybody in the [operating room] was cheering," Nascimento said, smiling. "People were coming in, looking at it because this isn't something you see every day. A piece of shark tooth sitting inside of somebody's ankle." He gave the fragment to Kenny as a souvenir. "I was happy the tooth was there, because it's a little bit of proof," Kenny explained. "Nobody believes me!"

SOURCES: WCVB-5, March 31, 2016

<http://www.wcvb.com/health/shark-attacks-boston-college-student-leaving-scar-souvenir/38787538>

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Shark tooth fragment seen on x-ray in Daniel Kenny's wound