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Crime

rates fall

but rapes

increase

Overall decline seen in first

Crime rates for the first half of 2015 are down in South Florida, state data shows, but reported rapes have gone up

Data compiled by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement from local agencies show reported crimes in general are down for the first half of 2015 compared with the first half of 2014. In

half of 2015 in Florida

By KATE JACOBSON

in some jurisdictions.

Staff writer

SURFER GETS REVENGE



Allen Engleman, who got 15 stitches on his left hand after a shark bite on Sunday, poses with the shark he caught Monday.

Fisherman catches and kills 7-foot shark he says bit his hand

By David Fleshler

A shark, perhaps confused by rough and murky seas off Singer Island, latched onto a surfer's left hand Sunday, sending him to the hospital for stitches.

A day later, in a bizarre ritual of revenge, the surfer and his young son caught and killed the shark he claimed had bitten his hand.

In the Sunday incident, Allen Engelman, 28, a commercial fishermen from Jupiter, was lying on his board and paddling to the wave break when he felt something grab his left hand. He described it as a 7-foot spinner shark.

"I could feel his teeth biting into me," he said. "He was pulling on me with a lot of power. With my right hand, I grabbed his pectoral fin. He was tugging on my hand, and I was tugging on him and he let

Engelman yelled, "Shark!" to a friend who was paddling next to

"The shark actually came up be-

tween us," he said. "We turned around, took the first wave in, and I was on the beach 20 seconds after he bit me."

They wrapped his bleeding hand in a towel and drove to St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm

Beach. He received 15 stitches. Engelman returned to the beach at Ocean Reef Park on Monday to exact vengeance. He helped his 5-year-old son Greyson use a fishing pole to catch a shark from the

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South Florida that rings true: Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties all saw a dip in their overall crime However, Palm Beach and Broward counties - and the state of Florida -

saw an increase in reported forcible sex offenses.

"Florida's crime rate continues to decline thanks to the brave men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting our communities," Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi said in a statement. "And while the decrease in

crime is great news, we must remain

diligent in our efforts to ensure Florida

remains the safest place to live and raise

Sides discuss ideas after fatal shooting

By Adam Sacasa Staff writer

PALM BEACH GARDENS - Community leaders met with the Palm Beach Gardens mayor and other city officials for more than three hours Monday to discuss the Corey Jones police shooting.

Derrick McCray, president of the Riviera Beach-based Youth Recreation Association, said Palm Beach Gardens city officials were open to their suggestions. He and others pushed Monday for city officials to implement a citizen review board to increase police transparency, and for department policy changes that outline how officers identify themselves to citizens.

Plainclothes Palm Beach Gardens Police Officer Nouman Raja fatally shot Jones on Oct. 18 as Jones, a 31-year-old drummer, waited for a tow truck at a

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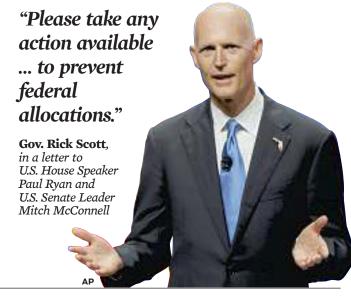
By Gray Rohrer Tallahassee Bureau

TALLAHASSEE - Gov. Rick Scott on Monday opposed efforts to resettle Syrian refugees in Florida, and he called on Congress to ensure they are denied entry to the Sunshine State.

Scott joined governors in nearly two dozen states taking similar stands against resettling Syrians fleeing a civil war in their country in the wake of the terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday. One of the perpetrators reportedly entered into France posing as a refugee.

In a letter to U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan and U.S. Senate Leader

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