Surfer Gets Revenge

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 few steps, in a blurry ritual of revenge, the surfer and his young son caught and killed the shark he claimed had bitten his hand.

In the Sunday afternoon incident, Allen Engelman, 26, a commercial fisherman from Jupiter, was lying on his board and paddling to the waves when he felt something grab his left hand. He described it as a 7-foot grayish shark.

“I could feel his teeth biting into me,” he said. “He was pulling on me with a lot of power. Then he started pulling on my board and the shark had my left hand. He described it as a 7-foot grayish shark.

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Crime rates fall but rapes increase

Overall decline seen in first half of 2015 in Florida

By Kate Jacobson

Crime rates for the first half of 2015 are down in South Florida, state data shows, but reported rapes have grown in some jurisdictions.

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 South Florida that rings true: Palm Beach, Broward and Martin-Dade counties all saw a dip in their overall crime rate. However, Palm Beach and Broward counties — and the state of Florida — have seen an increase in reported forcible sex offenses.

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Sides discuss ideas after fatal shooting

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Gov. Rick Scott opposes Syrian refugees’ entry

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

Palm Beach Gardens mayor and other 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.

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No man is an island.

So says the English poet John Donne, reminding us that we are all connected and interdependent. Whether we like it or not, our actions have an impact on others. Because of this interconnectivity, it is crucial for us to understand and respect the diverse cultures and traditions that shape our world. We must strive for unity and compassion, recognizing that our differences make us stronger as a community.