

ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: GSAF 2005.10.06

DATE: Thursday October 6, 2005

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean 100 feet north of the jetty at Ponce Inlet, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

29.1°N, 81.0°W

NAME: Charles D. Hutson

DESCRIPTION: He is a 48-year-old male from Daytona Beach. He was wearing black baggies with a white stripe on the side. He wore no jewelry.

SURFBOARD: White surfboard with a black leash

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 15h50, New Smyrna Beach recorded a mostly cloudy sky and visibility of six miles. The air temperature was 82.4°F [28°C], dew point 77°F [25°C], humidity 84%, sea level pressure 29.77 in [1008.0 hPa], and wind direction was ESE at 11.5 mph [18.5 km/h]. From 16h50 to 20.h50, there was light rain.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 10% of the moon's visible disk illuminated. New Moon, October 4, 2005

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was clear.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 50 feet

DEPTH OF WATER: Three to five feet

TIME: 16h05

NARRATIVE: He had been surfing and, after riding a wave inshore, he was treading water alongside his board when he felt a sharp "clamping feeling" on his left foot. The shark released his foot almost immediately and he paddled to shore.

INJURY: He sustained three one-inch lacerations to the dorsum of his left foot, and two one-inch lacerations on the sole near the toes. There was also a "dime-size" abrasion approximately two inches above the foot .

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The surfer's injuries were treated by the Volusia County Beach Patrol. He refused transport to a medical facility but was advised that his injury needed further medical attention.

SPECIES: Not identified

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn, Global Shark Accident File.

