

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2005.11.12

DATE: Saturday November 12, 2005

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean 200 feet south of the jetty at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.
29°N, 81°W

NAME: Lance Cameron

DESCRIPTION: He is an 18-year-old male from New Smyrna Beach. He was shirtless and wearing tan surfing baggies.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 13h50, New Smyrna Beach recorded scattered clouds and visibility of 10 miles. The air temperature was 75.2°F [24°], dew point 60.8°F [16°C], humidity 61%, sea level pressure 30.22 in [1023.2 hPa] and wind direction was ENE at 11.5 mph [18.5 km/h], with gusts to 20.7 mph [33.3 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 85% of the moon's visible disk illuminated. Full Moon, November 16, 2005.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was murky and the water temperature was 72°F (measured). Mean low tide was at 11h30, mean high tide at 18h20.

ENVIRONMENT: Fishermen were on the jetty 200 feet north of the incident site.

DEPTH OF WATER: 10 feet

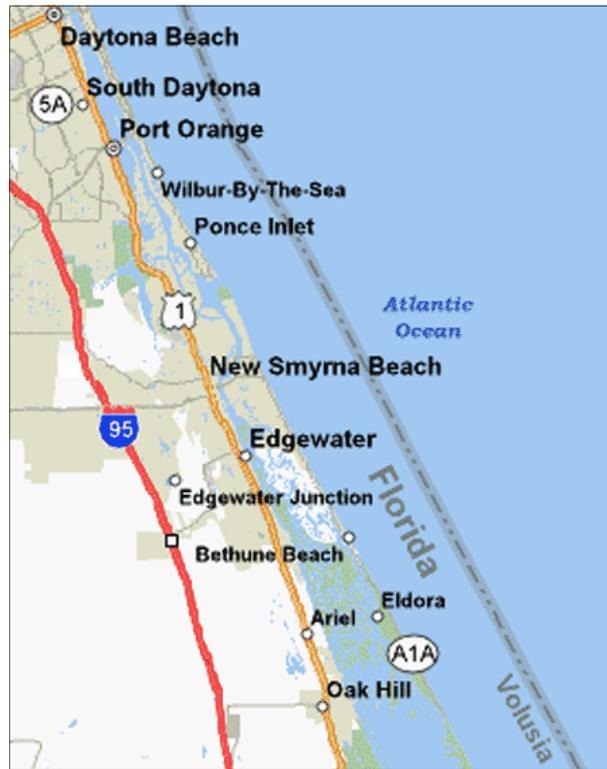
TIME: 13h45

NARRATIVE: Six other people were in the water when the incident took place, and three of these were within 10 feet of Lance. He was dangling his feet in the water when the shark swam up and bit his foot. The shark clamped down on the surfer's foot and tried to pull him into the water.

"I saw a flash in the water next to me," Lance explained. "As soon as I saw the shark, it just bit my foot and tried to pull me off my board," he explained. The surfer said, by the time he saw the shark, its teeth were already embedded in his foot.

Lance held on to his board and pulled his foot free. Then he tried to warn his friends to get out, too. "I screamed at all my friends to get out of the water," said Lance, "but they all thought I was kidding around until the water around me turned red."

INJURY: Puncture wounds and lacerations to the dorsum and lateral aspect of the right



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foot. Tendons were severed.

FIRST AID: A towel was wrapped around the surfer's foot at the water's edge. The Beach Patrol elevated and bandaged the foot.

TREATMENT: The surfer was transported by EVAC ambulance to Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach. He was in stable condition during transport and upon arrival.

SPECIES: According to the surfer, the shark was about six feet in length and grey in color. It was speculated that a bull shark might have been involved.

SOURCE: WFTV.com, <http://www.wftv.com/news/5324464/detail.html#>

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