

**ACTIVITY:** Wading

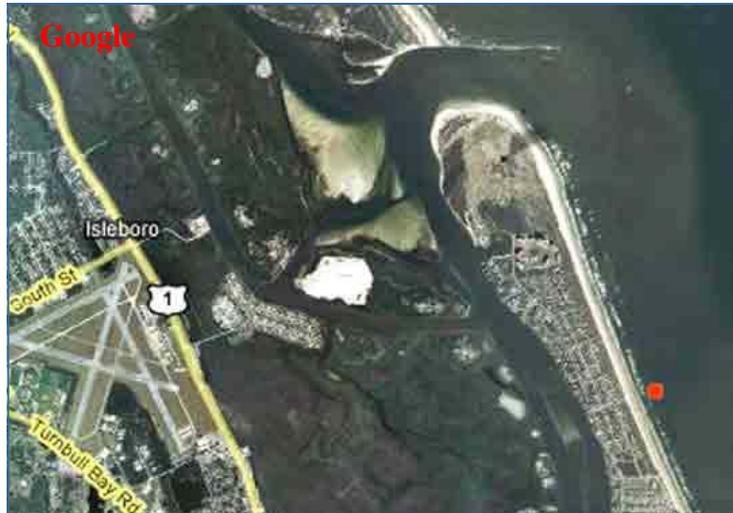
**CASE:** GSAF 2008.03.21

**DATE:** Friday March 21, 2008

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at the Beachway Avenue approach in New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Not identified

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 14-year-old male, 5'5" tall and weighs about 150 pounds. He was wearing dark green shorts and a dark green shirt. He wore no jewelry.



### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 17h45, New Smyrna Beach recorded scattered clouds and visibility of 10 miles [16.1 km]. The air temperature was 69.8°F [21°C], dew point 55.4°F [13°C], humidity 60%, sea level pressure 30.17 inches [1021.6 hPa], and the wind direction was East at 13.8 mph [22.2 km/h].

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, 100% of the Moon's visible disk was illuminated.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water temperature was 69°F and the current was heading south degrees. The sea was rough; waves were 5' to 6' in height, and the water was murky. At Sunglow Pier, Daytona Beach Shores, mean high tide was at 08h33 and mean low tide at 14h39.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 20 feet

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Three feet

**TIME:** 15h53

**NARRATIVE:** The boy was in waist-deep water with two friends when he felt something strike/bite his right ankle. The shark made a single bite and disappeared. He walked out of the water unaided and reported the bite to the beach-toll attendant, who notified the Beach Patrol. The Beach Patrol found the boy alert and conscious.

**INJURY:** The boy sustained two three-inch lacerations to his right ankle.

**TREATMENT:** The boy's mother drove him to Bert Fish Medical Center for stitches.

**SPECIES:** Not identified.

**CASE INVESTIGATOR:** Captain Scott Petersohn