

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2008.04.26.a](#)

DATE: Saturday April 26, 2008

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off the 2800 block of North Street (Ocean Beach condo area) in New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Mark Pattison

DESCRIPTION: He is a 21-year-old male from Lake Mary. He is tanned, 5'10" tall, weighs 125 pounds, and he was wearing black swim shorts.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 09h47, New Smyrna Beach recorded partly cloudy skies and visibility of 10 miles [16.1 km]. The air temperature was 75.2°F [23°C] (on the beach it was 83°F), dew point 59°F [15°C], humidity 57%, sea level pressure 30.14 inches [1020.5 hPa], and no wind.

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, April 28, 2008

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky and the tide was incoming; mean low tide occurred at 07h19 and mean high tide at 13h00. The sea temperature was 73°F.

ENVIRONMENT: The beach patrol said said 90 percent of shark bites occur near the jetties, which attract fishermen and surfers. Bait fish also often draws sharks to the area.

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep (four feet)

TIME: 09h50

NARRATIVE: Mark Pattison had been in the water about an hour. About 30 people were within 10 to 50 feet of the surfer, but nobody was within 10 feet of him. He rode a wave to shore, then fell off his board and stood up in the water. He said that his foot hit the shark as he jumped off his surf board and that is when the shark grabbed his foot.

INJURY: Minor puncture wounds (teeth marks) to posterior ankle and dorsal surface of the right foot.

TREATMENT: Pattison drove himself to Bert Fish Medical Center where he underwent minor surgery and was released.

SOURCES: [www.wptv.com](#); [Local6.com](#); [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#), April 27, 2008

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn

NOTE: This was a provoked incident.

