

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2008.08.24

DATE: Sunday August 24, 2008

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean some 600 to 700 yards south of the 27th Avenue Beach Approach in New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Jacob Shoup

DESCRIPTION: He is a 20-year-old male from New Smyrna Beach. He is 6' tall and weighs 175 to 180 pounds. He was wearing black board shorts with red and white stripes on the sides.

SURFBOARD: White with blue trim and flame pattern in the middle.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The Beach Patrol recorded a sunny sky with a South wind at 10 to 15 mph. At 14h50, New Smyrna Beach recorded scattered clouds and visibility of 10 miles [16.1 km]. The air temperature was 86°F [30°C], dew point 75.2°F [24°C], humidity 70%, sea level pressure 29.95 inches [1014.1 hPa], and wind direction was ESE at 11.5 mph [18.5 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, August 23, 2008

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea surface temperature was 24.4°C, and it was choppy with two- to three-foot waves. The sea was muddy, and the accident took place at high tide.

ENVIRONMENT: Nobody was fishing in the surfer's immediate vicinity, but there were "lots of baitfish going up and down the coast all day."

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 30 to 40 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Six to eight feet

TIME: 15h10

NARRATIVE: Jacob Shoup had been in the water for 25 to 30 minutes. About 13 to 16 people were in the general area, 2 or 4 people were within 10 to 50 feet of surfer when the accident took place. He was swimming out to catch a wave, towing his surfboard, when his foot was bitten. The shark made a single violent strike and disappeared.

INJURY: The surfer sustained three to four lacerations, each about one to two inches in length, to the medial surface of his left foot. He also sustained several lacerations, each about an inch to a half-inch, to the arch of his left foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The surfer was treated on the beach but declined ambulance transport to Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach, saying he would go there by private transport.

SPECIES: Not identified

SOURCES: Fox News, <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,410546,00.html>;

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