

**ACTIVITY:** Wading

**CASE:** GSAF 2013.10.19

**DATE:** Saturday October 19, 2013

**LOCATION:** The attack took place in the Atlantic Ocean opposite the Deauville Beach Resort (6701 Collins Avenue), Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Logan Hamby

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a six-year-old male from Dadeville, Alabama. He is 31 inches tall, weighs 34 lbs, and was wearing a black watershirt and blue trunks with a pattern of cars or Micky Mouse.

### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 3:53 p.m., Miami recorded scattered clouds and 10 mile visibility. The air temperature was 86°F, heat index 93.8°F, dew point 73.9°F, humidity 67%, sea level pressure 29.90 inches (falling) and wind direction was ESE at 12.7mph with gusts to 18.4 mph

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Gibbous, 99% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, October 18, 2013.

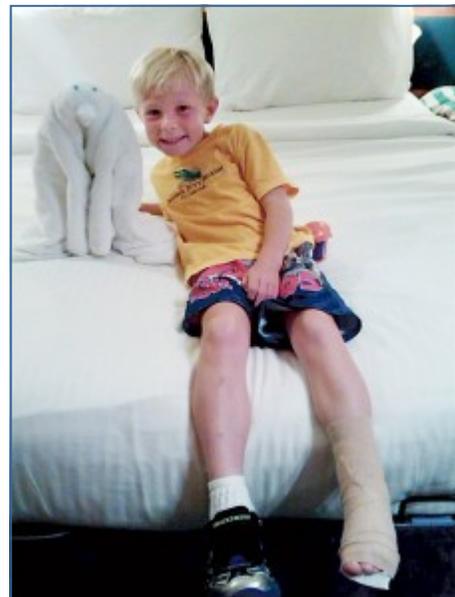
**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was clear.

**ENVIRONMENT:** No one was fishing nearby, and no baitfish or unusual bird activity were observed.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** Three feet

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Knee-deep

**TIME:** Late afternoon (Twilight was at 6:05 p.m.)



*Logan Hamby with bandages over the shark bite on his left leg*

**NARRATIVE:** The Hamby family had just arrived at the beach. Logan had only been in the water for a few minutes and his older sister, Leah, was standing a few feet away from him when his leg was grabbed by a shark. His father, Kenneth, heard his daughter scream and saw the shark's fin in the water. As he raced to his son the shark pulled the boy into deeper water. Kenneth was in waist-deep water when he seized Logan. The shark was still attached to the boys leg. Two strangers who were nearby, Chris Wilson and Dr. Antonio Ruiz, helped Logan's parents pry and pummel the shark until it released the child's leg. "[The shark] finally let go right there on the shoreline," Kenneth said.

**INJURY:** The patient sustained five deep puncture wounds to his lower left leg. Both sides of his calf sustained lacerations and there were multiple teeth marks on his calf and foot.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** Kenneth wrapped the wound in a t-shirt. Paramedics transported the patient to Mount Sinai Hospital where his injuries were sutured.

**SPECIES:** The incident appears to have involved a nurse shark, 4.5 to 5 feet in length.

**SOURCES:** Alex CityOutlook, Friday, November 1, 2013

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Interview with Logan's parents on November 13, 2013 by Marie Levine, GSAF