

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2014.08.29.b

DATE: Friday August 29, 2014

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean just north of the north jetty at Ponce Inlet, Volusia County, Florida. USA.

NAME: Brandon Murphy

DESCRIPTION: He is a 17-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 10h50, New Smyrna Beach recorded scattered clouds and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 84.2°F, dew point 75.2°F, humidity 74%, sea level pressure 30.07 inches and wind direction was SSW at 8.1 mph with gusts to 17.3 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 15% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, August 25, 2014.

TIME: 11h00

NARRATIVE: "I was pulling my leash towards me to get my board and there was just like a shark thrashing at my feet and I just jumped back," said Murphy. The shark bit the young surfer on the shin, resulting in the teen getting 15 staples in his leg.

INJURY: Lacerations to right shin. There were also teeth marks on his leash that was once attached to his surfboard.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: "Once I got out of the water, I looked at my foot and I just saw the blood rushing down it," he said. That's when he called for his friend to take him to his dad's house, hoping it wasn't anything too serious. "I was trying to convince my dad just to give me butterfly band-aids but he said no, we have to go to the hospital." At the hospital the surfer's injury was repaired with 15 staples.

SPECIES: It's believed the shark may have a spinner or black tip shark, about three to four feet in length.

SOURCES: Daytona Beach News Journal, September 12, 2014, <http://www.news-journalonline.com/article/20140912/NEWS/140919774/1040?Title=Daytona-Beach-teen-receives-15-staples-after-shark-bite>; Click Orlando, September 12, 2014, <http://www.clickorlando.com/news/volusia-county-surfer-recovering-after-shark-attack/28034492>

