

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2014.10.05.a](#)

**DATE:** Sunday October 5, 2014

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean south of the jetty at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Hilton Mantooth

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 15-year-old male from Maitland, Florida.



*Hilton Mantooth*

### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 10h47, New Smyrna Beach recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 73.4°F, dew point 53.6°F, humidity 50%, sea level pressure 30.03 inches, and wind direction was NNW at 9.2 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Gibbous, 89% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, October 8, 2014.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The sea was murky.

**ENVIRONMENT:** There were a lot of baitfish in the water.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 100 yards

**TIME:** 11h00

**NARRATIVE:** He was paddling past the break and his foot was dangling off his board when he felt the bite. He started paddling back to shore and caught up with one of his friends and told him "I was bitten by a shark".

**INJURY:** The surfer's right foot was bitten, severing a tendon in his big toe.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** The teens flagged down some beach-goers. "One of them was a nurse so she helped wrap the wound and just get it elevated the medics came, said Mantooth." He was transported to Bert Fish Medical Center, then transferred to Halifax Hospital where he underwent a three hour surgery. He went into a second surgery Monday afternoon because the torn tendon retracted.

**SPECIES:** The surfer did not see the shark, but the bite marks indicated the shark was between three and five feet in length. It was suspected that the incident involved a blacktip shark.