



Gregory Slaughter

ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: [GSAF 2015.10.05.a](#)

DATE: Monday October 5, 2015

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Gulf of Mexico near the 37th Street jetty, Galveston Island, Texas, USA.

29°16'47.62"N, 94°48'06.58"W

NAME: Gregory Slaughter

DESCRIPTION: He is a 13-year-old male from Odessa, West Texas.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 09h52, KGLS (the airport nearest Galveston) recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 71.1°F, dew point 59°F, humidity 66%, sea level pressure 30.06 inches, and wind direction was North to Northeast at 11.5 mph.

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, 37% of the Moon was illuminated

SEA CONDITIONS: The surf was ankle to knee-high with a southerly swell. The sea surface temperature was 79°F at 37th Street Jetty and 75°F at Galveston Pier.

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: 10h00

NARRATIVE: Gregory Slaughter was wading with his brother, 17-year-old brother Bobby Anderson, when they felt a school of fish swirling around their legs. The boys became frightened and began swimming to shore. As they headed to the beach Gregory was bitten by a shark. "I saw the entire shark," said Bobby, who punched the shark and grabbed his brother. "Then we swam to the shore and I wrapped [Gregory] up."

INJURY: Lacerations to ankle. Two tendons in the left hand were torn and he sustained a small fracture to his right hand, a defense wound.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Family members wrapped the Gregory's injuries in towels to stem the bleeding, and called paramedics. Galveston Island Beach Patrol bandaged the boy's foot before he was taken to the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston where his injuries were repaired.

SPECIES: The incident was thought to involve a shark, 4 to 5 feet in length. Lt. Kara Harrison of Galveston Island Beach Patrol said while incidents involving sharks are scary, it's important to remember this is a bite, not an attack. Officials believe the shark did not intend to bite the boy, it was just after a fish.

SOURCES: Houston Chronicle, October 5, 2015

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