

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 1982.07.01

DATE: Thursday July 1, 1982

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the Crawford Road Approach at Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Janet Babb

DESCRIPTION: She is a 19-year-old female from Fayetteville, Georgia.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, June 28, 1982. Full Moon, July 6, 1982.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 30 to 50 feet.

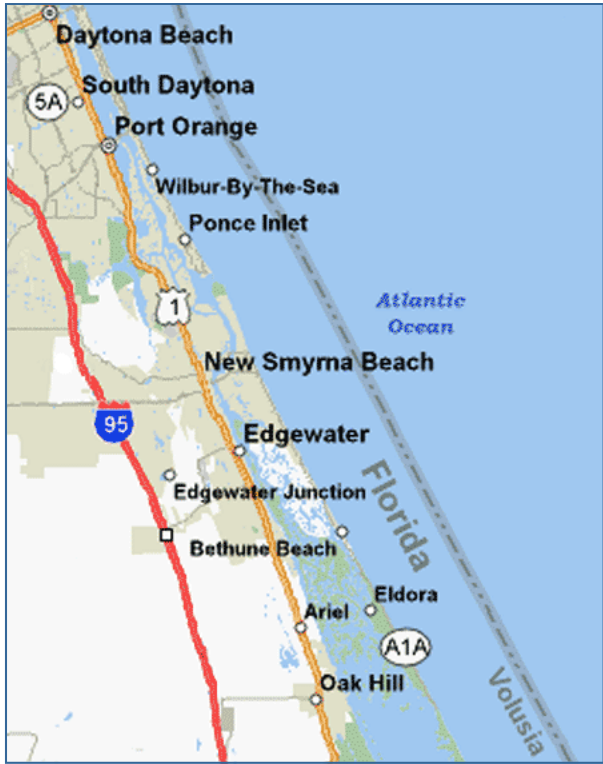
TIME: 14h30

NARRATIVE: Janet Babb was swimming with a companion when she was injured.

INJURY: She sustained a four- to five-inch laceration to her left leg, and her companion sustained an abrasion to his right leg.

TREATMENT: She was taken to Fish Memorial Hospital by EVAC ambulance where she was treated and released.

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Tourist Treated For Shark Bite

A woman vacationing here from Fayetteville, Ga., was bitten by what a witness said was a shark while swimming in the surf near the Crawford Road Approach about 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Janet Babb, 19, was taken to Fish Memorial Hospital by EVAC ambulance where she was treated and released for a 4 to 5 inch laceration on her left leg.

A companion with Miss Babb at the time of the attack sustained an abrasion on his right leg that didn't require medical attention, according to Lt. Tim Troian of the Volusia County Lifeguard Corps.

Lt. Troian said the couple was swimming about 30 to 50 feet offshore when the attack occurred. "We can't say it definitely was a shark," he said, "but it appeared to be a shark bite wound."

Steve Welser, a local resident and lifeguard who helped Miss Babb ashore, said he was about 30 feet from the couple when the attack occurred. He said he is certain he saw a shark but that it was difficult to determine its size.