

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1986.11.30

DATE: Sunday November 30, 1986

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

29.2°N, 81.0°W

NAME: Brad Bowen

DESCRIPTION: A 17-year-old male, a student at Daytona Beach Community College.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 2% of the Moon's visible disk was illuminated. New Moon, December 1, 1986.

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: Shortly before 10h40



NARRATIVE: Bowen was surfing when he felt a tug on his leg. He did not see a shark, but headed for shore immediately.

INJURY: The surfer sustained a five-inch-wide, three-inch-deep gash in his leg.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Bowen's surfing companions flagged down police officers and then summoned rescue personnel. Bowen was transported to Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach where an emergency room spokesman said although the wound resembled a shark bite it was not possible to confirm what had caused the injury.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

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