



**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 1989.10.11

**DATE:** Wednesday October 11, 1989

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Gulf of Mexico at Surfside Beach, Texas.

**NAME:** Jason Largent

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 12-year-old male from Surfside Beach, Texas.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, October 14, 1989.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 100 yards.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** "Neck-deep"

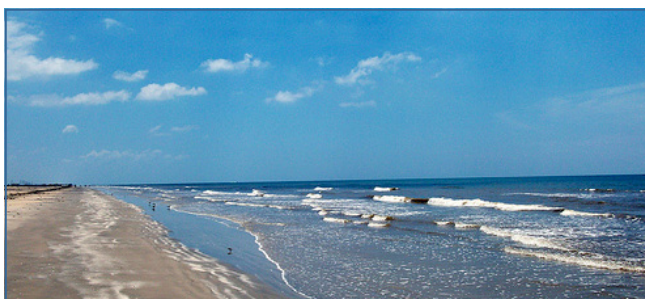
**TIME:** Evening

**NARRATIVE:** Jason Largent was surfing with friends. He was sitting on his board on sandbar when the shark began biting his leg. He was pulled underwater but managed to hold on to his board and get to shore.

**INJURY:** The boy sustained three bites on his foot and leg.

**TREATMENT:** The surfer's injuries were surgically repaired by Dr. Anselmo Unite at Brazosport Memorial Hospital. Brazosport Memorial Hospital is in Lake Jackson. (Another press report says he was treated at a hospital in Clute.)

**SPECIES:** According to the surfer's friends, the shark was about four feet in length.



## **Boy, 12, bitten by shark 100 yards off Texas shore**

**SURFSIDE BEACH, Texas (AP)** — A physician Thursday warned swimmers and surfers to beware after a shark reportedly 4 feet long attacked a 12-year-old surfer about 100 yards offshore.

The boy, Jason Largent, was in stable condition Thursday at a nearby hospital with three bites on a leg.

"He was hurting a lot and lost a lot of blood, but he wasn't screaming in pain," police Officer Frank Black said. "If it had been me, I'd have been screaming bloody murder. I guess the kid's pretty brave. He's got guts."

Jason was attacked Wednesday as he sat on his surfboard in neck-deep water on a sandbar in the Gulf of Mexico. The shark began biting his leg, but he managed to get to shore, said Dr. Anselmo Unite at Brazosport Memorial Hospital.

Jason underwent surgery for his wounds and was in no danger of losing his foot or leg, Unite said.

**SOURCES:** Austin American Statesman, October 13, 1989, page B6  
Dallas Morning News, October 14 1989  
European Stars and Stripes, October 14, 1989