

ACTIVITY: Surfing

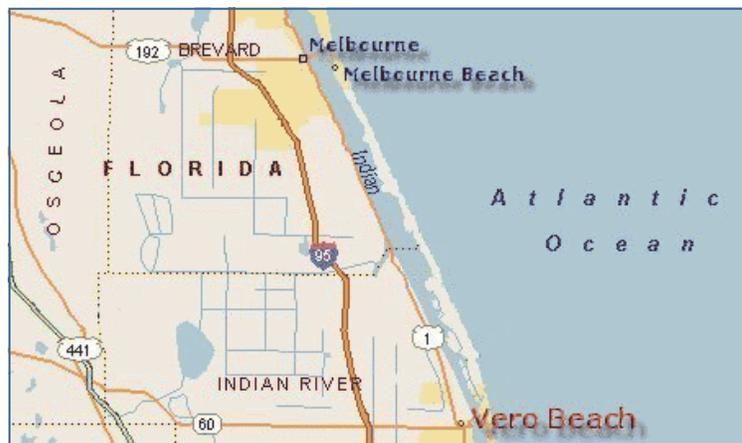
CASE: GSAF 1995.05.26

DATE: Friday May 26, 1995

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Brent Enck

DESCRIPTION: He is a 15-year-old male from Fort Pierce, a sophomore at Lincoln Park Academy



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, May 29, 1995

ENVIRONMENT: Enck said he thought he had chosen a safe area to surf. "It was supposed to be a risk-free zone," he said. "We didn't see any bait fish and we didn't see any people fishing. You're always aware there's something there, but there's really nothing you can do about it."

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 50 feet

NARRATIVE: Brent Enck was surfing with two friends, 16-year-old Jason Orr and 17-year-old Nick Schley. The three youths were sitting on their surfboards waiting to catch the next big wave when a shark approached from behind and below and bit Enck's left foot. "I felt this strong tug and then the shark pulled me under," Enck said. "I'm glad I didn't see the shark coming, or that would've made me more afraid. The only thing on my mind was to get out of there." The teen swam to the surface and Orr pulled him to shore.

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FIRST AID: Orr and Schley brought Enck to the Seaquay Condominium, 4800 Ocean Drive, where they placed him on a lounge chair, elevated his foot and applied pressure to the wounds to stop the bleeding.

TREATMENT: The teen received 20 stitches for three gashes to his foot at Indian River Memorial Hospital. Enck's mother, Diana Wesloski, says she wants her son to continue surfing as soon his wounds heal. "Sometimes you have accidents, but you just have to keep going," Wesloski said. "There were no bones crushed, no toes missing, no surgery needed. Really, he was lucky. He had some stitches. That was the worst of it. He'll be fine."

SPECIES: Enck does not know what kind of shark bit him, but it was speculated that a bull shark may have been involved.

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