

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 1995.06.17.b](#)

DATE: Saturday June 17, 1995

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Garden City Beach, Horry County, South Carolina, USA.

NAME: Jim Whitney

DESCRIPTION: The surfer is a male from Myrtle Beach.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, June 19, 1995

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 400 yards

NARRATIVE: "I was sitting out there and went to turn into a wave, and [the shark] grabbed my foot and started shaking my foot," said Whitney.

INJURY: Foot bitten.

TREATMENT: The surfer was treated at an area hospital where his wound was repaired with 20 stitches, and then he was released.

SPECIES INVOLVED: This was the first of six incidents reported this year off the coast of South Carolina this year.

SOURCES: Charlotte Observer, August 12, 1995; The Aiken Standard (Aiken, South Carolina), Saturday August 12, 1995

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Clay Creswell, Global Shark Accident File.

Teen Becomes Fourth Shark Bite Victim

MYRTLE BEACH (AP) — A shark attack on a 14-year-old Ohio girl this week is the fourth report of a shark biting a swimmer off the Grand Strand this summer.

Venus Lindsey, of Amelia, Ohio, was bitten on her left foot late Thursday while in water between 3 and 4 feet deep at the Ocean Lakes Campground south of Myrtle Beach.

Lindsey will be on crutches for several weeks, Grand Strand Regional Medical Center spokeswoman Joan Carroza said. Doctors don't expect the teen to have any permanent damage.

On June 17, Jim Whitney of Myrtle Beach was bitten on his foot while surfing 400 yards off Garden City Beach.

In early July, Roberto Perez of Surfside Beach was bitten on the foot while in chest-deep water in Myrtle Beach.

On July 24, a 7-year-old Georgia girl was bitten on her foot while swimming in waist-deep water off Pawleys Island. Her name was not released.