

ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: GSAF 1995.08.15

DATE: Tuesday August 15, 1995

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA
29.2°N, 81°W

NAME: James Oatley

DESCRIPTION: He is a 20-year-old mechanic from England.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 75% of the moon's visible disk illuminated. Last Quarter, August 15, 1995

NARRATIVE: Oatley was surfing, but when bitten by the shark he was wading in shallow water. The shark grabbed his upper thigh and pushed the surfer out of the water as he waded through the shallows. "I felt a tug like a dog biting me - it was pretty scary," he said. A friend managed to pull him further up the shore. "I've been shark fishing before—now they are fighting back," said Oatley

INJURY: There were two rows of teeth marks along the surfer's leg.

TREATMENT: The surfer was taken to the hospital where he received antibiotics and a anti-tetanus injection.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified. The shark was said to be about six feet in length.

SOURCES: Alex MacCormick, pages 193-195, citing the London Daily Star, August 18 & 19, 1995 editions; Bradenton Herald & Ocala Star Banner, August 17, 1995

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