

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE GSAF 1995.10.01

DATE: Saturday October 1, 1995

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

29.3°N, 81.1°W

NAME: Stephen 'Beaver' Massfeller

DESCRIPTION: He is a 39-year-old male from Daytona Beach, and has been surfing for 30 years.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, October 1, 1995

ENVIRONMENT: Bait fish were in the area.

TIME: 11h30

NARRATIVE: "I was paddling out to catch a wave and crossed paths with a shark trying to catch bait fish," said Stephen Massfeller. "The shark grabbed me, shook a little, then let go."

INJURY: The surfer sustained puncture marks in his right arm.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT:

SPECIES: Not identified. The shark was four to five feet in length.

SOURCES: Pat LaMee, Orlando Sentinel, October 2, 1995, page C1'
Ocala Star-Banner, October 3, 1995

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn, Volusia County Beach Patrol