

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 1996.05.07

**DATE:** Tuesday May 7, 1996

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Shark Shallows, Ponce Inlet, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.  
29°N, 81°W

**NAME:** Jimmy Grunewald

**DESCRIPTION:** The surfer is a 27-year-old male from Mount Dora.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Gibbous, 79% of the Moon was illuminated.

**ENVIRONMENT:** This is the time of year when large numbers of bait fish move into warmer waters close to shore. The baitfish are followed by juvenile sharks into the surfline. The juvenile sharks are inexperienced hunters, become disoriented in the surf and make mistakes.

**TIME:** 11h06

**NARRATIVE:** Grunewald and two friends from Mount Dora came to the area to surf. The shark grabbed the surfer's foot and ankle. "It shook it a little bit and let go," said Grunewald. "The surf today wasn't worth a shark bite," he said.

**INJURY:** The surfer's left calf and ankle were lacerated. There was no bone or nerve damage.

**TREATMENT:** The surfer was able to stem the bleeding and his friends took him to Bert Fish Memorial Hospital in New Smyrna Beach where his wound was repaired with 25 to 30 sutures.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** It was thought that the shark was a juvenile blacktip shark, *C. limbatus*, or a spinner shark, *C. maculipinnis*.

**SOURCES:** Captain Scott Petersohn, GSAF; Gail Nansen; Pat LaMee, Orlando Sentinel, May 8, 1996, page B.3; Daytona Beach News Journal, May 8, 1996, page 1D

