

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 1996.09.18

DATE: Wednesday September 18, 1996

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the inlet at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.
29°N, 81°W

NAME: Robert Gary

DESCRIPTION: He is a 14-year-old male from Deltona. He weighs 120 pounds and was wearing surfing shorts.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 29% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, September 20, 1996.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky; underwater visibility was less than a foot.

ENVIRONMENT: The incident took place during the mullet migration to southerly water, although no predators were observed feeding on the shoals of mullet.

DEPTH OF WATER: Three to four feet

TIME: 13h40

NARRATIVE: No details

INJURY: The swimmer sustained three or four triangular lacerations to his left ankle.

FIRST AID: Lifeguards wrapped his ankle and advised him to seek further medical help.

TREATMENT: The surfer's injuries were sutured at Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified. The shark was 3 to 3.5 feet in length, "brownish" in color and weighed about 50 pounds.

SOURCES: Orlando Sentinel, September 19, 1996 edition, page D.3
Tallahassee Democrat, September 20, 1996

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn

