



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1996.10.03.b

DATE: Thursday October 3, 1996

LOCATION: The incident took place near Patrick Air Force Base, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Aric Hollingsworth

DESCRIPTION: He is a 21-year-old male from Orlando.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 08h25, the area was experiencing light rain showers, air temperature was 78.8°F [26°C], dew point was 71.6°F [22°C], humidity 78%; sea level pressure was 29.98 inches [1015.1 hPa] and wind direction was NNE at 9.2 mph [14.8 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 60% of the Moon was illuminated.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 10 feet

TIME: 08h30

NARRATIVE: No details

INJURY: The surfer sustained a four-inch gash to his left arm below the elbow.

FIRST AID: Hollingsworth drove to the Cocoa Beach Fire Department where paramedics



cleaned and bandaged the wound.

TREATMENT: He was treated at Cape Canaveral Hospital and released.

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

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