

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** GSAF 1997.10.04.b

**DATE:** Saturday October 4, 1997

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean south of the Main Street Pier Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

29.2°N, 81.0°W

**NAME:** Tara Stalnaker

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a 14-year-old female from Ormond Beach.

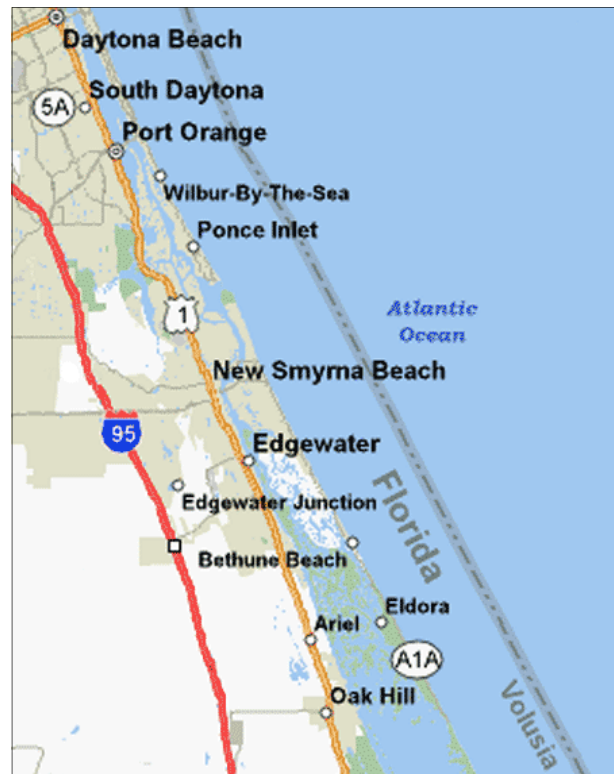
#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Crescent, 7% of the Moon's visible disk was illuminated. New Moon, October 3, 1997. First Quarter, October 9, 1997.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Lifeguards at Ormond Beach cleared people out of the water after several sharks were spotted near surfers.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Waist-deep

**TIME:** 08h30



**NARRATIVE:** Tara was training in the ocean with eight other members of the Daytona Beach YMCA Swim Team. "Something came by and I thought it stung me," she said. Then teen realized it was not a jellyfish sting.

**INJURY:** The injuries were to the teen's anterior right thigh. There was a six-inch to eight-inch laceration with three puncture wounds.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** Lifeguards flushed the wound with fresh water and dressed it. Her mother refused transport and drove her daughter to Halifax Medical Center for treatment.

**SPECIES:** Not identified

**SOURCES:** Orlando Sentinel, October 5, 1997, page B.3; J. Bozzo, Daytona Beach News-Journal, October 6, 1997, page 3D

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