

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE GSAF 1998.06.08

DATE: Monday June 8, 1998

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off the 700 Block South Ocean Beach, Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

29.2°N, 81.0°W

NAME: Brian Catarra

DESCRIPTION: He is an 18-year-old male. He was wearing dark-colored shorts and a black leash.

SURFBOARD: A white surfboard with a blue upper surface.

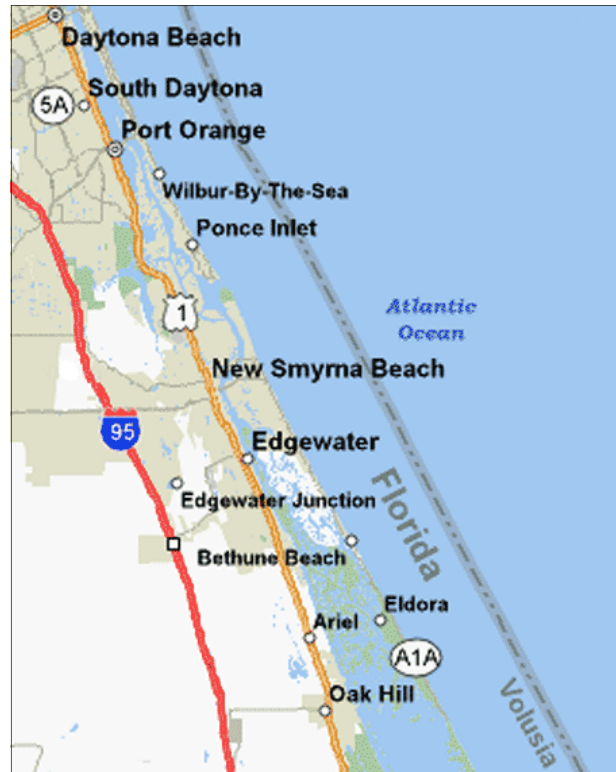
BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 97% of the Moon's visible disk was illuminated. Full Moon, June 10, 1998.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was turbid.

DEPTH OF WATER: Two to three feet

TIME: 18h00



NARRATIVE: About three or six people were within 10 to 50 feet of the surfer. He was paddling his board when he felt something grab onto his foot and pull.

INJURY: A two-inch laceration on dorsum of the right foot, and one-inch laceration of sole.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The surfer was treated at Halifax Medical Center.

SPECIES: Not identified. The surfer did not see what bit him, however, others in the area said they saw a shark approximately three feet in length swimming in the surfer's wake. The witnesses described the shark as grey in color. It is not known if this was the same shark that bit the surfer.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn