



**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** [GSAF 1998.11.14](#)

**DATE:** Saturday November 14, 1998

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean south of Ponce de Leon Inlet near the 4800 block of South Atlantic Avenue in New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

*29°N, 81°W*

**NAME:** Larry Foor

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 14-year-old male from Winter Park. He was wearing a black surfing shirt (rash guard) and black baggies (shorts).

#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Crescent, 19% of the Moon's visible disk illuminated. New Moon, November 19, 1998.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 40 yards

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Four feet

**TIME:** 08h45

**NARRATIVE:** Larry Foor was sitting on his surfboard waiting for a wave when a shark swam up and bit his right foot, said Joe Wooden, deputy chief of the Volusia County Beach Patrol.

**INJURY:** There were two lacerations on the surfer's right foot. Each laceration was three to four inches in length.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** Volusia County Fire Department and Volusia County Beach Safety EMS dressed and bandaged the injury. The surfer was transported to Bert Fish

Medical Center for treatment.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** According to the surfer, the shark was 1.2 metres [four feet] in length.

**SOURCES:** Volusia County Beach Safety EMS Report; D. Catron, Orlando Sentinel, November 19, 1998, page D1; Daytona Beach News Journal, November 15, 1998, p.4C

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