

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1999.08.21

DATE: Saturday August 21, 1999

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Ponce Inlet, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.
29.1°N, 81°W

NAME: G.C.

DESCRIPTION: The surfer is a 17-year-old male from Port Orange. He was wearing surfing baggies.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 72% of the moon's visible disk was illuminated. Full Moon, August 26, 1999.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky.

DEPTH OF WATER: Four to six feet.

TIME: 18h40

NARRATIVE: Three or four people were within 10 to 50 feet of the surfer. He was sitting on his board when he felt something bite his foot. He looked down and saw the shark by his foot. The shark made a single bite, then swam away.

INJURY: The surfer sustained several small lacerations to dorsum and sole of right foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The surfer flagged down the Beach Patrol, but did not go to the hospital by ambulance. He returned home and went to his doctor the next day.

SPECIES INVOLVED: According to the surfer, the shark was about four feet in length.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn

