

ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: GSAF 1999.09.10

DATE: Friday September 10, 1999

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Isle of Palms, Charleston County, South Carolina, USA

NAME: Taylor Warnock

DESCRIPTION: She is a 10-year-old female.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, September 9, 1999

TIME: Afternoon

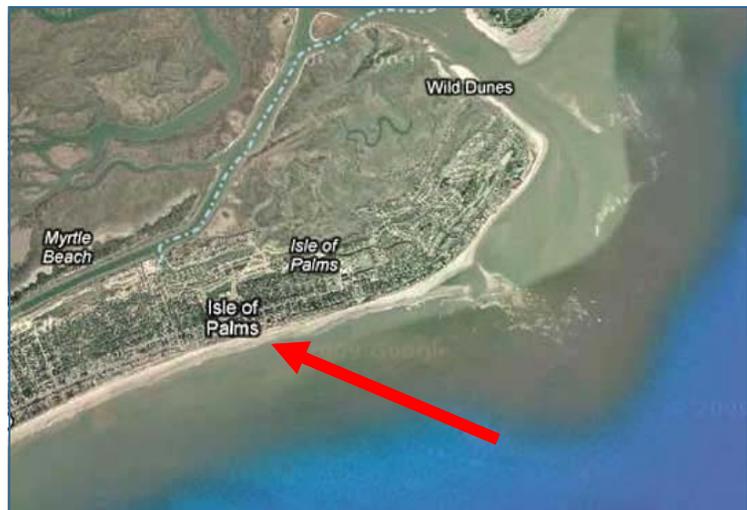
NARRATIVE: Taylor, her two sisters and a friend were wading when she was bitten by a shark. "I heard a noise, and I looked back at it. I didn't know what it was, and I started running, but it grabbed me before I could get out," Taylor said.

INJURY: Severe lacerations to two toes, and she sustained lacerations and abrasions to her leg as she kicked at the shark.

TREATMENT: Taylor was taken to the pediatric emergency room at the Medical University of South Carolina. Nearly 30 stitches were needed to close her wounds, and she received intravenous fluids and a tetanus shot.

SPECIES: Not identified

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Clay Creswell, Global Shark Accident File.



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"I can see on the side of her foot where her leg was torn and scraped when she was kicking and screaming, and (the shark) just wouldn't let go," the mother said.

She said she hopes there's no nerve or bone damage because Taylor loves to play basketball, softball and soccer.

Taylor was running a fever Saturday, but was given medication for the fever, pain and infections.

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