

ACTIVITY: Swimming

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DATE: Friday June 2, 2000

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the 27th Avenue ramp (3500 block South Ocean Beach) at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.
29.0°N, 81.0°W

NAME: Brian Alcorn

DESCRIPTION: The swimmer is a 13-year-old male from Longwood. He was wearing dark shorts and a white shirt.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, June 2, 2000

SEA CONDITIONS: Brian's friend, Austin Gispanski, 13, noted that the water was murky but according to the beach report, the water was clear.

DEPTH OF WATER: Three feet

TIME: 14h55



NARRATIVE: About 20 people were within 10 feet of Brian when the incident took place. Brian had been playing on the beach and in the water all day according to his mother, Ronda Alcorn. "He had just gotten his goggles and was diving in the water."

Austin Gispanski was swimming about 20 feet from Brian when the incident took place. He said that he saw Brian going ashore, but did not think anything about it until his mother told him to get out of the water. Brian was able to make his way to the beach without assistance.

INJURY: The boy sustained a laceration to his right forearm. The laceration was approximately four inches long by 1.5 inches wide and extended to the bone.

FIRST AID: Brian's mother wrapped the wound in a beach towel and put pressure on the wound. The boy was also treated by lifeguards at the scene.

TREATMENT: Dr. Arlen Stauffer, the emergency room physician who treated the seventh-grader at the Bert Fish Medical Center said he suffered possible tendon, joint and nerve damage, but the actual extent of the injuries would be determined by a hand specialist. Brian was admitted and taken to the operating room late Friday afternoon. His condition was not immediately available. He may have also been hospitalized at Halifax Medical Center

SPECIES: No one saw the shark before or after the incident.

SOURCES: Dave Brannon, Mark I. Johnson, Daytona Beach News Journal, June 3, 2000, page1C

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