

ACTIVITY: Standing
CASE: GSAF 2000.07.02.a
DATE: Sunday July 2, 2000

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Smyrna Dunes Park in New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.
29°N, 81°W

NAME: Danielle Shidemantle

DESCRIPTION: She is a 19-year-old female from Lake Mary, Florida. She was wearing a bright green bikini.

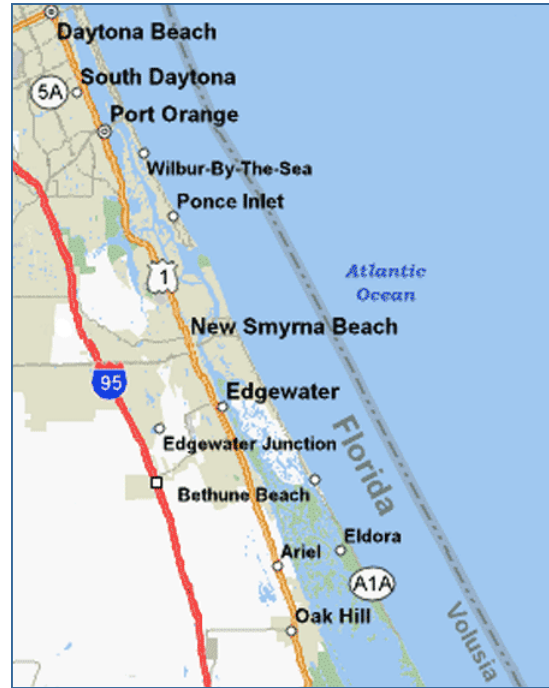
BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, July 1, 2000

ENVIRONMENT: Volusia County Deputy Beach Chief Joe Wooden said that the young sharks are learning to hunt, to eat fish. "When they bite down and realize it's not something they usually eat, they let go."

DEPTH OF WATER: Four feet

TIME: 14h45



NARRATIVE: Shidemantle was standing in the water with friends at the northern end of the beach. She was bobbing up and down in chest-deep water when the shark nipped her thigh, then departed.

INJURY: Lacerations to the medial thigh. The lacerations were minor and appeared to be made by a shark's top row of teeth.

TREATMENT: The girl was treated at Bert Fish Medical Center and released.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Shidemantle described the shark as small, slender, light brown in color and three feet in length. Beach officials thought the incident most likely involved a young blacktip shark, *C. limbatus*, or a young spinner shark, *C. maculipinnis*.

SOURCES: M. Guisti, Daytona Beach News Journal, July 3, 2000, page 6C; Orlando Sentinel, July 3, 2000, page C3

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn, Global Shark Accident File