

ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: [GSAF 2000.07.04.b](#)

DATE: July 4, 2000

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean opposite the 1900 block of South Ocean Beach, Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

29.2°N, 81.0°W

NAME: Niesha Peterson

DESCRIPTION: She is a 20-year-old African-American female from Orlando. She was wearing a one-piece black bathing suit.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 17h53, Daytona Beach recorded visibility 10 miles [16.1 km], air temperature was 82.9°F [28.3°C], dew point 71.1°F [21.7°C], humidity 67%, sea level pressure 30.04 inches [1017.2 hPa], and wind direction was East at 9.2 mph [14.8km/h].

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 11% of the moon's visible disk was illuminated. New Moon, July 1, 2000.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was clear.

DEPTH OF WATER: Three feet

TIME: 18h00

NARRATIVE: Five other people were within 10 feet of Niesha when she was bitten in waist-deep water.

INJURY: Her left inner thigh was injured

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Unknown. She refused treatment from the lifeguards and transport to a medical facility.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn, Global Shark Accident File

