

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2001.04.05

DATE: Thursday April 5, 2001

LOCATION: The incident took place near the 6400 block of South Ocean Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.
29°N, 81°W

NAME: Jason Bartholem

DESCRIPTION: The surfer was a 26-year-old white male. He was wearing black shorts.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 91% of the moon's visible disk was illuminated. Full Moon, April 8, 2001.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky.

DEPTH OF WATER: Three feet

TIME: 14h30

NARRATIVE: He was returning to shore and had just dismounted his board in waist-deep water when he felt something clamp down / bite his left foot.

INJURY: Minor lacerations to the dorsum and posterior left foot.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified. The surfer did not see a shark. When the surfer was asked if he thought he may have been bitten by a bluefish or another marine animal, he stated that he has been bitten by a bluefish but this bite felt "bigger".

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn, Global Shark Accident File

