

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2001.04.10

DATE: Wednesday April 10, 2001

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: A 16-year-old from Port Orange.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: Hot.

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 92% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, April 7, 2001.

SEA CONDITIONS: The ocean waters were warming along shores as sharks began to migrate north up the Florida coast and offshore winds reduced visibility.

TIME: 12h00

NARRATIVE: No details. This was the first of a series of minor bites at New Smyrna Beach. Three people were bitten on Thursday and two more were bitten by small sharks on Friday. Lifeguards were forced to temporarily close the beaches for the three days.

INJURY: The surfer's foot was lacerated.

SPECIES: Possibly a juvenile blacktip or spinner shark.

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