

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 2001.04.12.c

**DATE:** Thursday April 12, 2001

**LOCATION:** The incident took place near the south jetty at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

29.0°N, 81.0°W

**NAME:** Emmet Browning

**DESCRIPTION:** The surfer a 21-year-old male from Winter Springs, Florida. He was wearing black and grey swim baggies.

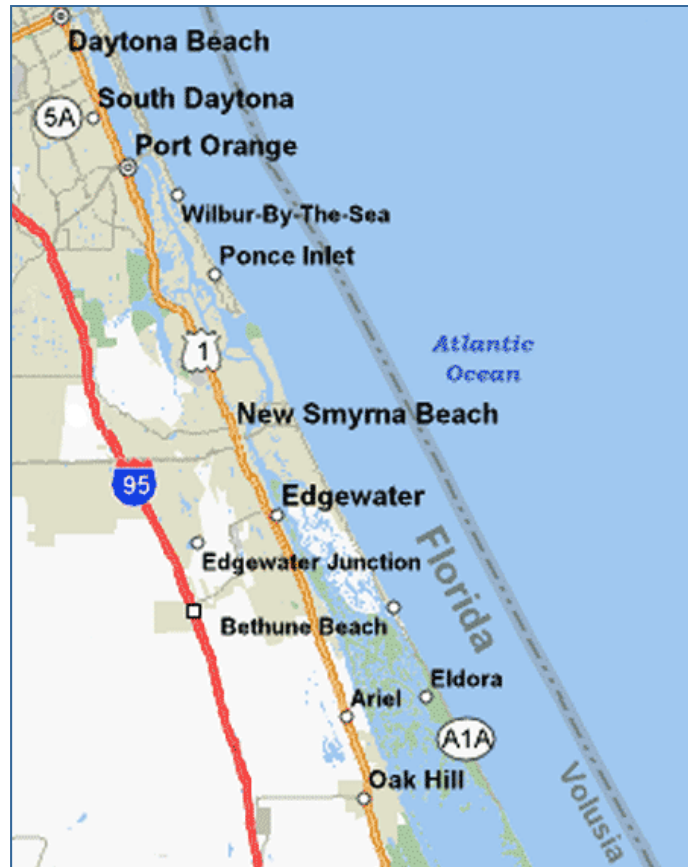
**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Gibbous, 79% of the moon's visible disk illuminated. Last Quarter, April 15, 2001.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was murky with poor underwater visibility.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Shoals of baitfish were in the area.

**TIME:** 16h05 [4:05 p.m.]



**NARRATIVE:** Browning had only been in the water a short time. He was paddling out to surf when he was bitten.

**INJURY:** According to Beach Patrol Captain Rob Horster, Browning sustained small cuts on the big and pinky toes of his left foot\*. "It was just a little nip," Horster said.

**NOTE:** Press says right foot, case report says left foot.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** The surfer was treated at the scene and then left in a private vehicle, said Captain Horster.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Possibly a juvenile blacktip or spinner shark

**SOURCE:** Orlando Sentinel, April 14, 2001, page A1

**CASE INVESTIGATOR:** Captain Scott Petersohn