

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2001.04.13.a

DATE: Friday April 13, 2001

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the 2700 block of North Atlantic Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.
29.0°N, 81.0°W

NAME: Andrew Barron

DESCRIPTION: The surfer is a 12-year-old white male from Longwood, Florida. He was wearing swim baggies.

BACKGROUND

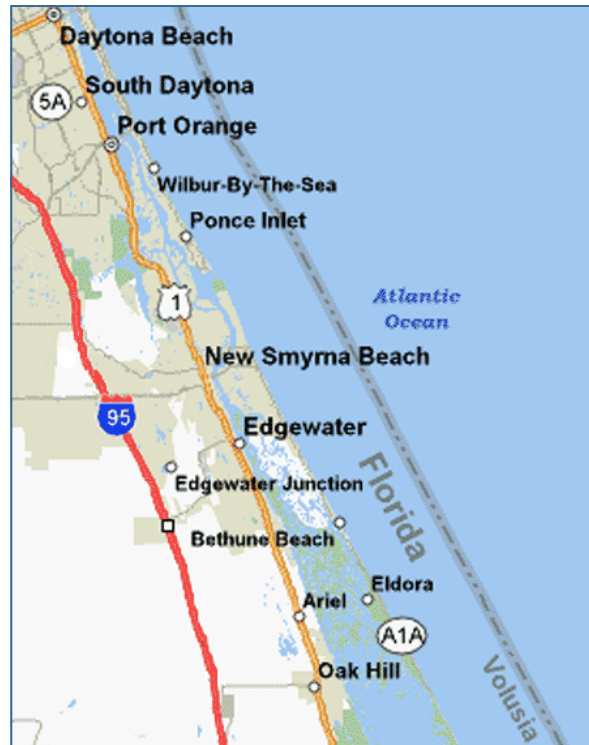
MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 70% of the moon's visible disk illuminated. Last Quarter, April 15, 2001.

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

ENVIRONMENT: Shoals of baitfish were in the area.

DEPTH OF WATER: Two feet

TIME: 10h55



NARRATIVE: Andrew Barron was surfing when something grabbed his right foot and ankle.

INJURY: Barron suffered an encircling wound two inches on top and an inch across the bottom of his right foot.

FIRST AID: He was treated at the scene by lifeguards and then transported to Bert Fish Medical Center by ambulance.

TREATMENT: At the hospital, the surfer was treated and released same day.

SPECIES INVOLVED: It was speculated that the incident involved a juvenile blacktip or spinner shark.

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CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn