

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2001.05.03](#)

**DATE:** Thursday May 3, 2001

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, USA

30.3°N, 81.8°W

**NAME:** John McCall

**DESCRIPTION:** The surfer is a 45-year-old male.

### BACKGROUND

**WEATHER:** At 18h55, Jacksonville recorded mostly cloudy skies and visibility of seven miles. The sea level pressure was 30.17 in [1021.6 hPa], and wind direction was ENE at 12.7 mph [20.4 km/h].

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, May 7, 2001

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was clear

**DEPTH OF WATER AT INCIDENT SITE:** Five feet

**TIME:** 19h00 [7 p.m.]

**NARRATIVE:** McCall was getting off his board when he spotted the shark below. The shark snapped at his foot twice, and then sped off.

**INJURY:** The shark bit the surfer's right foot. The ball of the foot was avulsed.

**TREATMENT:** McCall was taken to the hospital, where he was treated and released.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** According to the surfer, the shark was 1.2 to 1.5 metres [4' to 5'] in length

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*John McCall*