

ACTIVITY: Boogie-boarding

CASE: [GSAF 2001.07.15.a](#)

DATE: Sunday July 15, 2001

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island, Nassau County, Florida, USA.

30.6°N, 81.5°W

NAME: Tim Flanigan

DESCRIPTION: The boogie-boarder, an 18-year-old male from Cincinnati, Ohio, was vacationing with his parents.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 14h56, Jacksonville recorded a clear sky and visibility of 10 miles [16.1 kilometres], the air temperature was 84.9°F [29.4°C], dew point was 62.1°F [16.7°C], humidity 46%, sea level pressure was 29.97 inches [1014.7 hPa], and wind direction was ENE at E at 13.8 mph [22.2 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 33% of the moon was illuminated. New Moon, July 20, 2001

DEPTH OF WATER AT INCIDENT SITE: Waist-deep

TIME: 14h30

NARRATIVE: The boogie-boarder said "he saw an object about three feet long roll and splash, and then his foot started hurting," reported Captain John Hailey, of Nassau County Fire Rescue. The boogie boarder identified the object as a shark. Officials believed the shark's mouth was open and the teeth dragged across the boogie-boarder's foot.

INJURY: The boogie-boarder sustained "small-to-moderate lacerations" on the dorsum of his right foot.

TREATMENT: He was taken by ambulance to Shands-Jacksonville Hospital where he was treated in the emergency room and released.

SPECIES INVOLVED: According to the boogie-boarder the incident involved a small shark about three feet in length.

SOURCE: The Enquirer (Cincinnati), July 17, 2001 edition;
http://www.enquirer.com/editions/2001/07/17/loc_local_teen_ok_after.html



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