

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2001.09.18](#)

DATE: Tuesday September 18, 2001

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the 2800 block of North Atlantic Avenue, just a mile south of Ponce de Leon Inlet in New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Blaise Mosler

DESCRIPTION: The surfer is a 14-year-old male from Longwood, Florida.

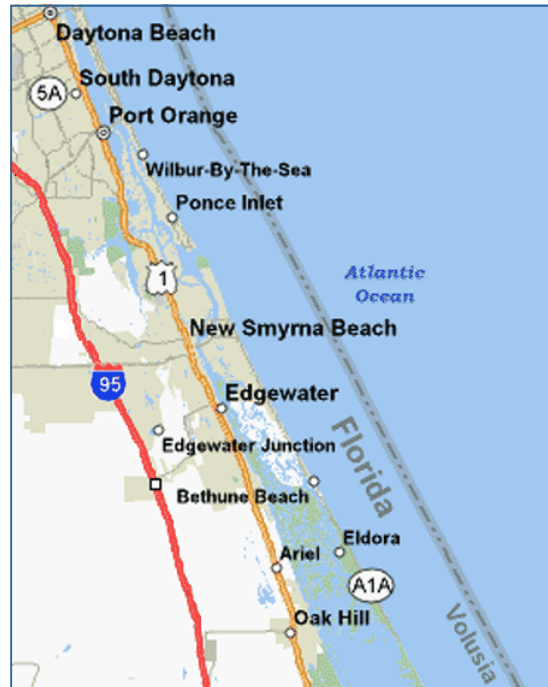
BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky, and there was high surf generated by Tropical Storm Gabrielle which passed through the area on the weekend.

ENVIRONMENT: There were large schools of baitfish along the shoreline.

TIME: 15h00



NARRATIVE: Mosler was paddling out to the surf break when he was nipped by a shark.

INJURY: The surfer had one- to two-inch cuts on his right foot and left ankle.

FIRST AID: The surfer was treated on the scene, but was not transported to a local hospital. He told officials that he would likely go to an emergency facility near his home.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

SOURCES: Sandra Frederick, Daytona Beach News Journal, September 19, 2001, page 1C; Orlando Sentinel, September 20, 2001, page D2