

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2001.09.24](#)

DATE: Monday September 24, 2001

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near Ponce de Leon Inlet (2800 block North Ocean Beach), New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.
29.0°N, 81.0°W

NAME: Anonymous

DESCRIPTION: He is a 21-year-old male. He was wearing light-colored shorts but no shirt.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: There was fishing activity on the inlet rocks a quarter mile away.

DEPTH OF WATER: Three feet

TIME: 16h20

NARRATIVE: Five people were within 10 feet of the surfer when the incident took place. He had caught and rode a wave into the shallow then fell off his board. The surfer stated that when he put his left foot down, he stepped on the shark. He also said that the shark felt "wrapped up or caught on his foot." The surfer shook the shark loose and walked to shore.

INJURY: The surfer sustained several small lacerations on the dorsum and sole of his left foot.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The shark was said to be four feet in length.

NOTE: This is a provoked incident; the surfer stepped on the shark.

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