

ACTIVITY: Standing

CASE: GSAF 2002.08.07

DATE: Wednesday August 7, 2002

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the south jetty at Ponce de Leon Inlet, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

29.1°N, 81.0°W

NAME: David Brennen Smith

DESCRIPTION: He is a 15-year-old male from Riviera Beach, Florida. He was wearing grey and multi-color swim trunks.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 2% of the moon's visible disk was illuminated. New Moon, August 8, 2002.

DEPTH OF WATER: Three feet

TIME: "Shortly after noon"

NARRATIVE: David Smith was at the beach with his grandfather, James D. Smith of DeLand, Florida. David had been surfing for about four hours, but after riding one last wave he was ready to call. He had just gotten off his board when he felt a "pinch" just above his left ankle. "[The shark] bit and went away. I didn't see it." However, he said he felt it rub against his arm. "It felt a little rough," he said.

INJURY: The surfer sustained four four-inch lateral lacerations just above his left ankle. The lacerations were a quarter-inch to a half-inch in depth. Bleeding was minimal.

FIRST AID: David walked to shore and attracted the attention of a nearby lifeguard. She bandaged the wound and called for an ambulance to transport Smith to the hospital.

TREATMENT: In the emergency room at Bert Fish Medical Center doctors used eight to 10 sutures to close the four lacerations.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

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