

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 2002.10.03

**DATE:** Thursday October 3, 2002

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

29°N, 81°W

**NAME:** Cheyne (or Shane) Kehoe

**DESCRIPTION:** He is an 18-year-old male, a Volusia County lifeguard. He was wearing multi-color (black with red, yellow, orange and white) baggies

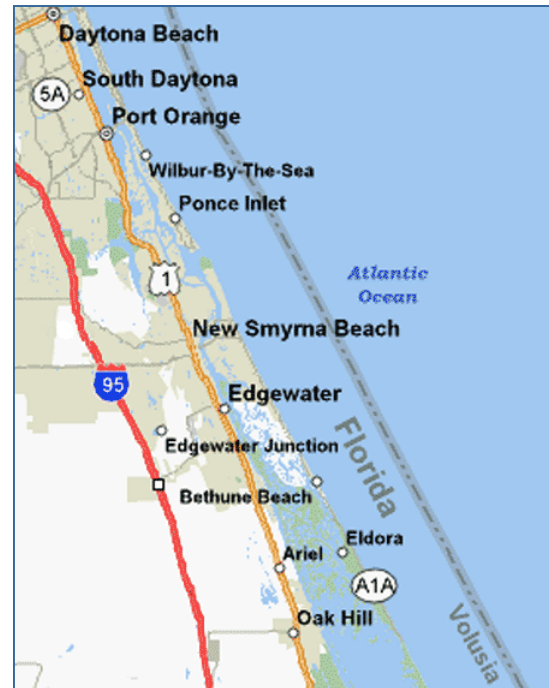
#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Crescent, 13% of the moon's visible disk illuminated. New Moon, October 6, 2002.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was murky.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Six feet

**TIME:** 14h35



**NARRATIVE:** Few people were in the water; one person was within 10 feet of Kehoe and three others were within 10 to 50 feet of the surfer. Kehoe had ridden a wave, and was paddling out on his surfboard when he saw a dark shadow in the water ahead. The shark grabbed his left hand and pulled downwards. The surfer jerked his hand away and saw that his hand was bleeding. Then the shark struck the surfboard several times with its snout before disappearing. The surfer reached shore unaided.

**INJURY:** There were three to four lacerations on the dorsum and palmer surface of the left hand, with abrasions, swelling and discoloration.

**TREATMENT:** The surfer drove himself to Halifax Urgent Care Center in Port Orange, Florida where he was treated and released.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Not identified. The shark was said to be 3.5 to four feet in length.

**SOURCES:** Local 6 News; Orlando Sentinel, October 4, 10/4/2002, page B3

**CASE INVESTIGATOR:** Captain Scott Petersohn, GSAF