



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2003.04.18](#)

DATE: Friday April 18, 2003

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at North Beach, Patrick Air Force Base, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

28.2°N, 80.6°W

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: The surfer is a 12-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 08h55, Coca recorded mostly cloudy skies and visibility of seven miles. The air temperature was 73.4°F [23°C], dew point 66.2°F [19°C], humidity 78%, sea level pressure 29.98 in [1015.1 hPa], and wind direction was Variable at 4.6 mph [7.4 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, April 16, 2003

TIME: 0850

NARRATIVE: The boy was surfing near the base's main entrance when he was bitten by the shark.

INJURY: There were two lacerations on the boy's upper left thigh. It was considered a minor injury.



TREATMENT: Air Force emergency personnel responded.

SPECIES: Not identified

SOURCES: Tallahassee Democrat, April 19, 2003
J. Waymer, Florida Today (Melbourne), April 19, 2003
Local 6 News.

