



**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2003.04.21.a](#)

**DATE:** Monday April 21, 2003

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Shepard Park in Cocoa Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

28.3°N, 80.6°W

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** The surfer is a 17-year-old male

#### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 13h55, Cocoa Beach recorded partly cloudy skies and visibility of seven miles. The air temperature was 78.8°F [26°C], dew point 60.8°F [16°C], humidity 54%, sea level pressure 30.03 in [1016.9 hPa], and wind direction was variable at 6.9 mph [11.1 km/h].

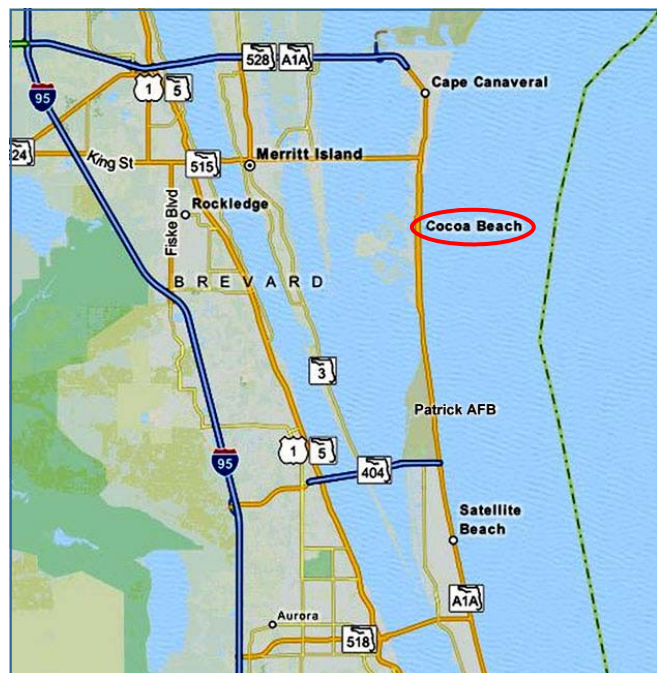
**MOON PHASE:** Waning Gibbous, 71% of the Moon's visible disk illuminated. Last Quarter, April 23, 2003.

**ENVIRONMENT:** This is the season when sharks and swimmers converge in east-central Florida. Students on spring break congregate in the surf as do migratory species of sharks.

**TIME:** 13h30

**NARRATIVE:** No details.

**INJURY:** Unknown.



**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** He was taken to Cape Canaveral Hospital by ambulance. Debbie Helton, a spokeswoman for the hospital's parent company, Healthfirst, said an emergency room physician confirmed the boy's injuries were the result of a shark bite.

**SOURCE:** Orlando Sentinel, April 22, 2003, page B3