



ACTIVITY: Standing

CASE: [GSAF 2003.06.24.b](#)

DATE: Tuesday June 24, 2003

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off the 8600 block of Ridgeway Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA. 28.3°N, 80.6°W

NAME: Hannah Hathaway

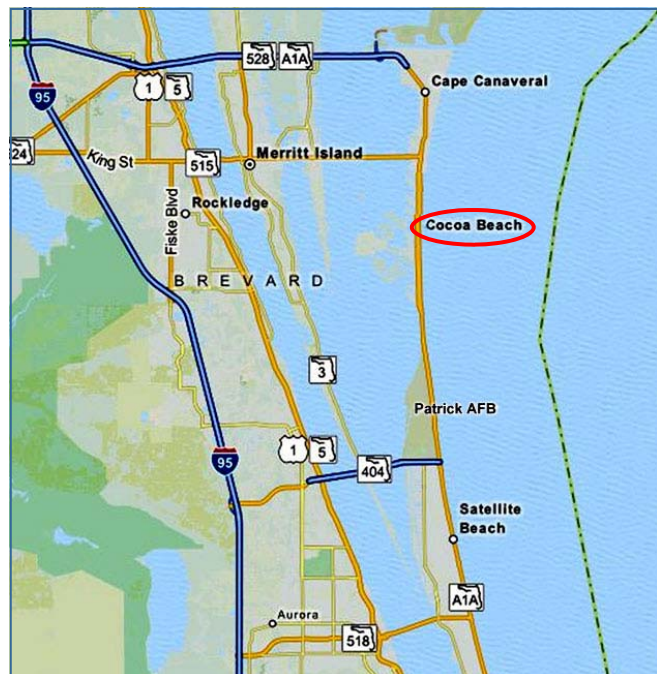
DESCRIPTION: Hathaway is a 12-year-old female from Arizona. The Hathaway family was visiting Florida to see the Mars Rover launch on Saturday.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, June 29, 2003

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: Afternoon



NARRATIVE: James Hathaway, Hannah's father, said. "We were standing in the water, and I saw the fish come in on a wave, and we tried to move in, and she said she got bit."

INJURY: The girl sustained two circular to her thigh. Captain Brian Dennison of the Cape Canaveral Fire Department confirmed that the girl was bitten by a fish but could not confirm shark involvement.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Paramedics were called, but Hannah was taken by her parents to Cape Canaveral Hospital in Cocoa Beach where she was treated and released.

SPECIES: Hannah's father saw the fish. He described it as a "small brown shark".

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