

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2003.11.22

DATE: Tuesday November 22, 2003

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



NAME: Taylor Trumbauer

DESCRIPTION: She is a 35-year-old female, 5'4" tall and weighing 120 pounds. She was wearing green board shorts, a black rash guard, a leather necklace and watch, and a black leash attached to her left ankle. She had no injuries prior to the event and did not have her menstrual period.

SURFBOARD: A seven-foot O'Niell white trifin surfboard.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The sky was partly cloudy, the air temperature was 78°F and wind direction was South to East.

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 2% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, November 23, 2003.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was blue grey, with swells. No channel was present. Estimated underwater visibility was 30%.

ENVIRONMENT: There was no fishing activity in the vicinity.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE:

TIME: 16h30

NARRATIVE: Three people were on the beach and three others were within 30 to 15 feet of the surfer. She had been in the water for 20 minutes and was facing shorewards. "I was resting on my board, waiting for a set (of waves)," she said, "when the shark brushed my left leg"

INJURY: The surfer sustained abrasions to the lateral aspect of her left calf.

SPECIES: Not identified. The incident involved a four-foot shark.

SOURCE: Taylor Trumbauer