

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** **GSAF 2003.12.13**

**DATE:** Saturday December 13, 2003

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean in front of the Melbourne Beach Hilton, Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

*28.1°N, 80.6°W*

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 13-year-old male from Gainesville, Florida.



### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 12h53, Melbourne recorded mostly cloudy skies and visibility of 10 miles. The air temperature was 75.9°F [24.4°C], dew point 61°F [16.1°C], humidity 60%, sea level pressure 30.02 in [1016.5 hPa], and wind direction was southwest 8.1 mph [13 km/h].

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, December 8, 2003; Last Quarter, December 16, 2003.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Eau Gallie Causeway is one of two bridges connecting the barrier island with the mainland.

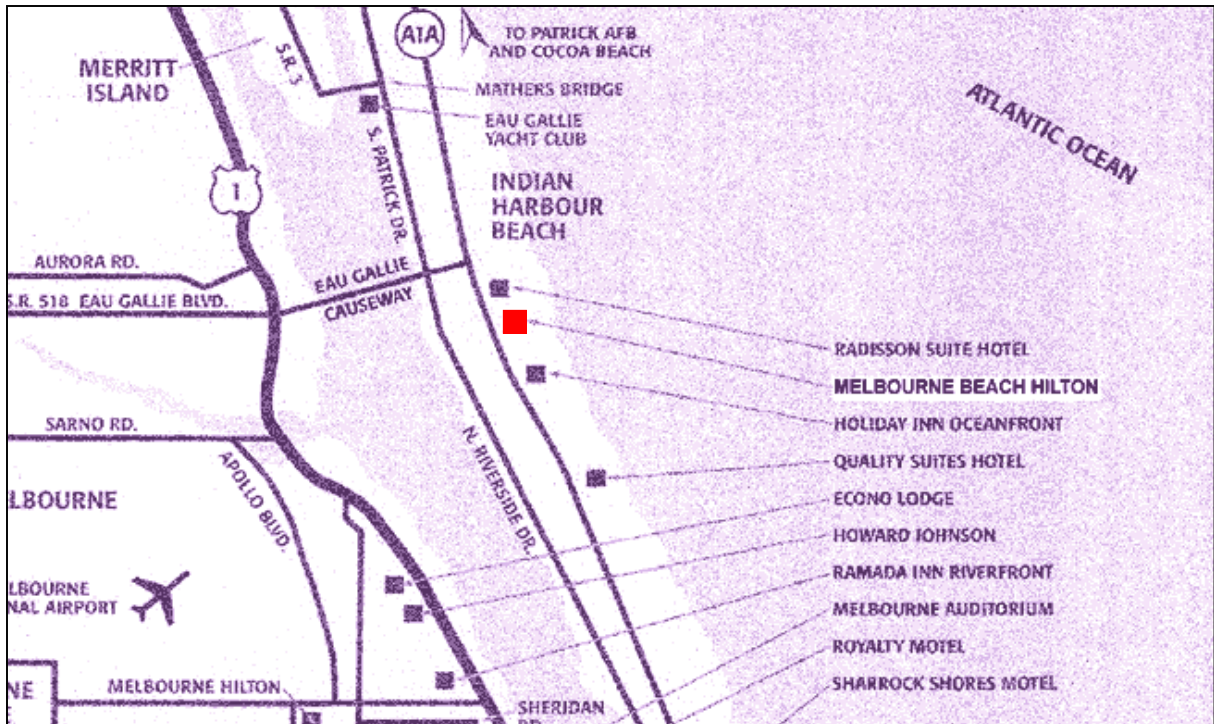
**TIME:** 13h15

**INJURY:** The boy was bitten on the foot. The injury was not life-threatening according to Orlando Dominguez of Brevard County Fire Rescue.

**TREATMENT:** He was taken to Wuestoff Medical Center in Melbourne for treatment.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Not identified. Witnesses told paramedics they saw a shark fin about the time the boy was bitten.

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