

**ACTIVITY:** Wading

**CASE:** [GSAF 2005.07.27](#)

**DATE:** Wednesday July 27, 2005

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Daytona Beach, near the Zelda Boulevard beach approach (the border between Ormond and Daytona Beach), Volusia County, Florida, USA.  
29.2°N, 81°W

**NAME:** Nicole Carlos

**DESCRIPTION:** .She is a 13-year-old girl from Jupiter, Florida.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 17h53, Daytona Beach recorded a clear sky and visibility of 10 miles. The air temperature was 89.1°F [31.7°C], dew point 71.1°F [21.7°C], humidity 55%, sea level pressure 29.95 in [1014.0 hPa], and wind direction was East at 8.1 mph [13 km/h]. No precipitation.

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Gibbous, 57% of the moon's visible disk illuminated. Last Quarter, July 28, 2005.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** .

**ENVIRONMENT:** There were a lot of baitfish in the water according to beach-patrol spokesman Capt. Scott Petersohn. The combination of warm water and bait fish brings more sharks to the area. When bait fish swim near the shore, that means there are "all kinds of predators in the area," said Petersohn.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:**

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Three feet (waist-deep)

**TIME:** 18h00

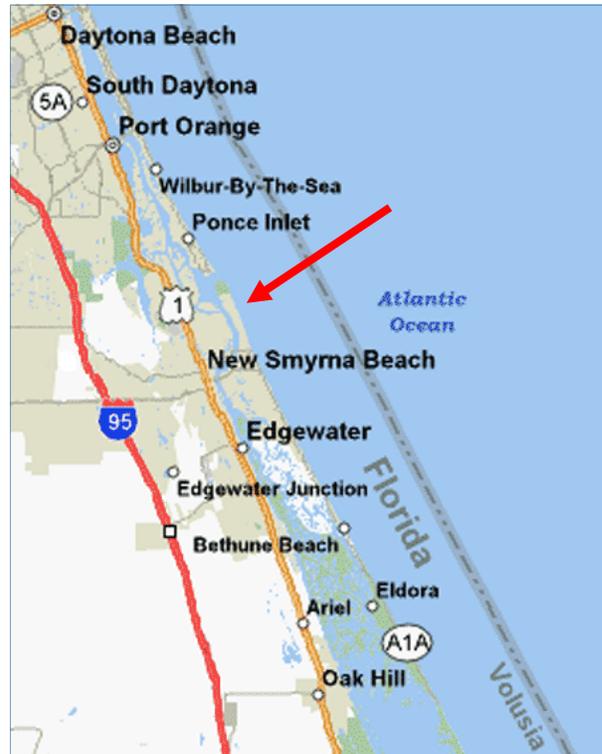
**NARRATIVE:** Nicole was visiting Daytona Beach with Sherri Breen and her daughter when she was bitten by the shark.

**INJURY:** The girl sustained lacerations on the on the back of her left hand and had bite marks near her wrist.

**FIRST AID:** Nicole ran to a nearby hotel where she was staying, where friends wrapped her hand in a towel and got help. Nichole was taken by ambulance to Halifax Medical Center in stable condition, EVAC spokesman Mark O'Keefe said.

**TREATMENT:** She was hospitalized in stable condition,

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Unknown



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<http://www.news-journalonline.com/NewsJournalOnline/News/Beaches/03BeachEAST02072805.htm>

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Thursday, July 28, 2005

### **Girl's hand bloodied from shark bite**

**By MARK S. LUCKIE, Daytona Beach News-Journal Staff Writer**

DAYTONA BEACH — Sparkling blue waves calmly lapped at the shore late Wednesday afternoon, but after a 13-year-old was bitten by a shark near the Zelda Boulevard beach approach, many people nervously made their way out of the water.

Nichole Carlos of Jupiter was visiting Daytona Beach with Sherri Breen and her daughter when she was bitten by an unknown type of shark about 6 p.m.

Nichole suffered a cut on the back of her hand and had bite marks near her wrist, emergency officials said. She lost some blood when she ran to a nearby hotel where she was staying to get help, Beach Patrol spokesman Scott Petersohn said.

Friends wrapped her hand in a towel and took her back to the beach to find a lifeguard.

Calls to the girl's hotel room were not returned and a knock at the door was not answered Wednesday night.

Nichole was taken by ambulance to Halifax Medical Center in stable condition, EVAC spokesman Mark O'Keefe said.

Wednesday's incident was the third confirmed shark bite in the area this summer. Petersohn encouraged beachgoers to go directly to a lifeguard if they are injured. Most shark bites are not life threatening and should be treated by medical personnel, he said. Nichole was only in about 3 feet of water when she was bitten, the same depth most swimmers wade in, Petersohn said.

The combination of warm water and bait fish brings more sharks to the area, Beach Patrol officials said. When bait fish swim near the shore, that means there are "all kinds of predators in the area," Petersohn said.

Lifeguards kept the beach open near where the attack occurred late Wednesday. Nobody saw the shark when it attacked and the water seemed to be free of the predators, Petersohn said.

"It's like lightning. You never see it when it strikes," he said.



Photo: News-Journal/David Pringle)

***Sherri Breen comforts Nichole Carlos as she is treated for a shark bite in Daytona Beach Wednesday.***

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## **Shark-bitten teen has surgery**

### **Staff Report**

A teenager bitten by a shark off Daytona Beach remained in the hospital Thursday after surgery for damaged tendons in her hand.

Nichole Carlos, 13, visiting from Jupiter, was in fair condition at Halifax Medical Center, a spokeswoman said.

Nichole suffered a cut on the back of her hand and had bite marks near her wrist, emergency medical workers said Wednesday after the attack. The girl was swimming near the Zelda Boulevard beach approach.

Nichole is vacationing in the area with a friend and the friend's mother, Sherri Breen. Responding to a phone call to Breen's room on Thursday, a man who identified himself as Breen's husband said the girl underwent several hours of surgery to repair tendons damaged in the attack.