

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming or walking

**CASE:** [GSAF 2006.07.09.a](#)

**DATE:** Sunday July 9, 2006

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Johns County, Florida, USA

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** He is an 11-year-old male.



### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 12h55, Jacksonville recorded scattered clouds and visibility of seven miles [11.3 km]. The air temperature was 84.9°F [29.4°C], dew point 63°F [17.2°C], humidity 48%, sea level pressure 30.10 inches [1019.3 hPa], and wind direction was NNE at 13.8 mph [22.2 km/h].

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Gibbous, 97% of the Moon was illuminated.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Several witnesses reported seeing a shark swimming in the shallows.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Knee-deep or waist-deep

**TIME:** 13h00

**NARRATIVE:** The boy was swimming [or walking] in the sea off Ponte Vedra Inn and Club when he reported being bitten. According to a report filed with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, the boy approached the lifeguard stand just after 1 p.m. and told the lifeguard he had been bitten. The lifeguard saw a stream of blood coming from puncture wounds on the boy's right ankle and foot.

**INJURY:** The boy sustained puncture wounds on the right ankle and foot.

**TREATMENT:** The boy was admitted to Baptist South Hospital and released next day. His injuries were described as "not life-threatening."

**SOURCES:** Orlando Sentinel, July 9, 2006; Surfersvillage Global Surf News, July 11, 2006