

ACTIVITY: Wading, and kicking a soccer ball

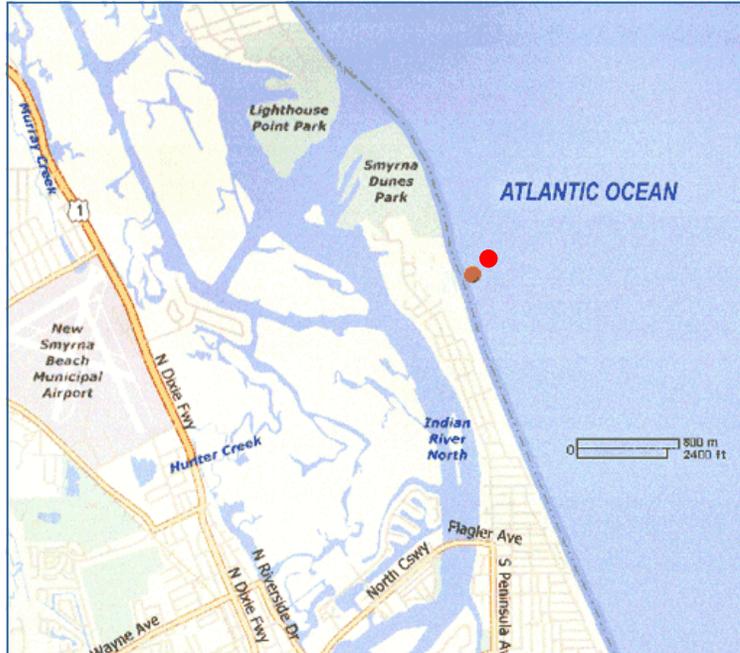
CASE: GSAF 2006.10.05

DATE: Thursday October 5, 2006

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off 2700 North Ocean Beach in New Smyrna Beach [a half mile south of Ponce de Leon Inlet], Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Stephen E. Muñoz

DESCRIPTION: He is an 18-year-old Hispanic male from Sanford, Florida. He is 5'9" tall, weighs 160 pounds, and was wearing black swim trunks.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At the incident site, the Beach Patrol recorded an air temperature of 85°F and an east-northeast wind of 10 to 15 mph. At 11h57, Ponce Inlet and New Smyrna Beach recorded a most cloudy sky and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 82.4 °F [28°C], dew point 66.2°F [19°C], humidity 58%, sea level pressure 30.12 in [1019.9 hPa], and wind direction was northeast at 17.3 mph / 27.8 km/h.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 96% of the moon's visible disk was illuminated. Full Moon, October 7, 2006.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water temperature was 77°F and the sea was rough. The tide was outgoing. The water was turbid and underwater visibility was nil.

ENVIRONMENT: The incident took place over a sandy bottom, and bait fish were in the area. A shrimp boat was two to three miles offshore but was inactive with its nets up. Pelicans and other seabirds were very active to the north at Ponce Inlet. Seaweed was also present.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 100 to 150 feet

DEPTH OF WATER: Two to three feet

TIME: 12h00

NARRATIVE: Stephen Muñoz was wading, playing soccer with friends, when he saw a shark at his foot. The shark made a single strike, biting and then releasing his left foot, and swam off.

INJURY: The boy sustained two or three 3/4-inch lacerations to the dorsum of his left foot, requiring two to three sutures each. He also sustained two lacerations to the plantar surface of his foot requiring three to five sutures.

FIRST AID: The patient's injuries were bandaged by the Beach Patrol. Both the patient and his mother were informed of possible complications from this type of injury. They refused

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transport and the patient was taken by private car to Bert Fish Memorial Hospital in New Smyrna Beach for further treatment.

SPECIES: Not identified. The shark was reported to be three to three and half feet in length

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn, Volusia County Beach Patrol