

**ACTIVITY:** Wading

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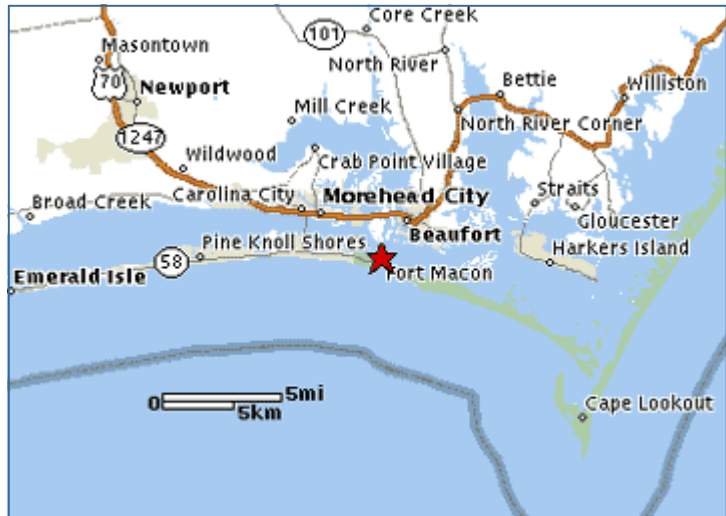
**DATE:** Tuesday July 17, 2007

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean in front of the Tar Landing condominium complex at Atlantic Beach, Carteret County, North Carolina, USA.

34.7°N, 76.8°W

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a 30-year-old female from Ohio.



### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 12h56, Beaufort recorded clear skies and visibility of 10 miles [16.1 km]. The air temperature was 84.9°F [29.4°C], dew point 77°F [25°C], humidity 77%, sea level pressure 30.10 in [1019.2 hPa], and wind direction was southwest at 17.3 mph [27.8 km/h].

**MOON PHASE:** New Moon, July 14, 2007

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was very murky and the surf was rough.

**DEPTH:** Waist deep

**TIME:** 13h00

**NARRATIVE:** She was wading when she felt something grab her right leg. When she noticed it was a shark, the victim began kicking at it, at which time it bit her on the foot. It was regarded as an isolated incident and the beach was not closed.

**INJURY:** She sustained an avulsion injury to her right thigh and minor injuries (triangular-shaped teeth marks) to her left foot.

**FIRST AID:** People on the beach helped her from the water and tended to her injuries until rescue personnel arrived.

**TREATMENT:** She was transported to Carteret General Hospital in Morehead City where she was treated and released.

**SPECIES:** Not identified, but emergency responders estimated the shark was about five feet in length.

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