

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** GSAF 2007.08.12

**DATE:** Sunday August 12, 2007

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean, near Ponce Inlet, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

29°N, 81°W

**NAME:** Not identified (juvenile)

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a 15-year-old female and she was wearing a multi-colored bikini.

### BACKGROUND

**WEATHER:** It was a clear, sunny and hot day. The air temperature was 92°F.

**MOON PHASE:** New Moon, August 12, 2007.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The sea was calm, but turbid. The sea surface temperature was 81°F. The tide was incoming; mean high tide occurred at 20h14.

**ENVIRONMENT:** There was fishing activity approximately 100 yards from the incident site.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 100 feet.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** 3.5 feet

**TIME:** 17h35 [5:35 p.m.]

**NARRATIVE:** Several people were in the water, swimming and surfing. Ten people were 10 to 50 feet from the girl, while two or three people were within 10 feet of her when the incident took place. The girl was swimming in the shallows above the sandy seabed when the shark made a single strike, biting her foot.

**INJURY:** The patient had several small lacerations on her right foot. Photos of the injury were taken by the Volusia County Beach Patrol.

**TREATMENT:** The girl was treated at Bert Fish Medical Center.

**SPECIES:** The girl did not see the shark prior to being bitten, and it was not seen clearly enough to estimate its size, however, but the injury suggests that the shark was small.

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wftv.com, <http://www.wftv.com/news/13879692/detail.html>

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