

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: **GSF 2007.09.20**

DATE: Thursday September 20, 2007

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean 500 yards south of Ponce Inlet south jetty in New Smyrna Beach (2800 block), Volusia County, Florida, USA.

29.0°N, 81.0°W

NAME: Tyler Robertson

DESCRIPTION: He is a 23-year-old Caucasian male, 5'10" in height and weighs 160 pounds, and he was wearing green board shorts.

SURFBOARD: White fiberglass surfboard.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The sky was sunny, the air temperature was 82°F and wind speed was 10 mph.

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, September 19, 2007.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea temperature was 79°F, waves were three to four feet and choppy, the water was turbid, and the tide was outgoing.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 100 feet

DEPTH OF WATER: Eight feet

TIME: 18h20

NARRATIVE: The surfer had been in the water 10 or 15 minutes but no one else was nearby, not within 50 feet of him. He was paddling his surfboard when he saw the shark, and then felt it bite his toe.

INJURY The bite was minor, resulting in a few small lacerations to the bottom of the right big toe.

SURFBOARD: There was some damage to the board, <1" in length.

SPECIES: According to the surfer, the incident involved a shark about three feet in length.

NOTE: This is the 16th recorded shark bite in 2007 at Volusia County.

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<http://www.wesh.com/news/14175176/detail.html>

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