



**ACTIVITY:** Boogie boarding

**CASE:** [GSAF 2008.03.28.a](#)

**DATED:** Friday March 28, 2008

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near Cocoa Beach, Florida, USA.

28.3°N, 80.6°W

**NAME:** Teresa Holloway

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a female from Pendleton, Indiana. She is married to Tony Holloway, who coaches the Anderson University softball team. The Holloways have three children, Tyler, Tami Jo and Tanner. Teresa was wearing a blue and black, and white one-piece bathing suit when she was bitten by the shark.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** March 29, 2008, Last Quarter

**NARRATIVE:** It was Spring Break and the Holloway family was vacationing in Florida. Teresa Holloway and her children were boogie boarding. Teresa's 16-year-old son was seaward of her.

"I was riding the waves in and all of a sudden I felt something very sharp on my foot," said Teresa. "I was thinking so many thoughts that second. Something had hold of me and I just needed to get away. It had to be something with a really large mouth since my whole foot was in it's mouth." Teresa kicked the shark loose just as her son swam in to help her. "He was on his way up and he kicked it out of the way," she said.



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**INJURY:** “Basically the top of my foot was filleted open,” said Teresa. “The bottom just looked like somebody took a knife and was cutting up and down my foot.”

**FIRST AID:** “There were some men on the beach that had helped [her son] drag me out of the water. They immediately found someone's shirt and wrapped it around my foot because it was bleeding pretty badly,” said Teresa.

**TREATMENT:** She was treated for lacerations to her foot at Cape Canaveral Hospital.

**SPECIES:** Not identified, but the incident was thought to involve a small shark.

**SOURCE:** David MacAnnally/Eyewitness News



*Teresa Holloway recovers at home from after the shark bite.*



*Teresa and her kids were on vacation in Florida when she was bitten by a shark.*