

ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: [GSAF 2008.07.a](#)

DATE: Wednesday May 7, 2008

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off the 27th Avenue beach park several miles south of Ponce de Leon Inlet's south jetty, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Zane Atcha

DESCRIPTION: He is a six-year-old male from Deltona.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 11h47, New Smyrna Beach recorded partly cloudy skies and visibility of 10 miles [16.1 km]. The air temperature was 80.6°F [27°C], dew point 64.4°F [18°C], humidity 58%, sea level pressure 30.06 inches [1017.8 hPa], and wind direction was East at 9.2mph [14.8km/h].

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent. New Moon, May 5, 2008. First Quarter, May 11, 2008.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: "No more than a couple of yards "

DEPTH: 18 inches

TIME: Just before noon

NARRATIVE: Zane was attending a kindergarten graduation party with classmates from Casa Montessori School in DeLand. He was walking in the water when, he said, "something bumped me on the (left) knee. I thought it was a skateboard floating in the water".

INJURY: A two-inch laceration to the lower left calf.

FIRST AID: Zane ran to his mother, Jennifer Nelms, who was sitting on the beach a short distance away. "I didn't see any blood at first," she said. But when she washed the two-inch gash on the back of her son's leg, she was soon convinced he had been bitten by a shark. "We wrapped the wound in a towel and some other parents ran to get the lifeguards," Nelms said. The Beach Patrol treated the boy on the scene and he was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

TREATMENT: Zane's injury was repaired with eight stitches at Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach, and he was released.



SPECIES: Not identified

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