

ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: GSAF 2008.07.19

DATE: Saturday July 19, 2008

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean 1,000 feet south of the Beachway Approach at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: He is a 16-year-old male. He is 5'11" and weighs 153 pounds. He was wearing black and white swim trunks.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: Clear and hot. The air temperature was 95°F.

MOON PHASE: Full moon, July 18, 2008.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was clear and the sea surface temperature was 78°F, waves were two to three feet in height and the tide was outgoing.

ENVIRONMENT: There was no fishing activity in the immediate vicinity.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 50 feet

DEPTH OF WATER: Two feet

TIME: 13h55

NARRATIVE: The boy had been in the water just five minutes. Three people were within 10 feet of him and about 20 others were within 100 feet of him. He was wading / body surfing when he felt a sharp pain on his lower left leg. He exited the water and notified a lifeguard.

INJURY: The patient sustained one two-inch laceration and two one-inch lacerations on the posterior right leg just above the ankle.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The boy was treated on the scene by lifeguards. Afterwards, he was taken to Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach for further treatment.

SPECIES: No species identifications was made, however, a witness who was standing next to the boy saw a shark leaving the area immediately afterwards. He reported the shark was about four feet in length.

SOURCE: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/NewsJournalOnline/News/EastVolusia/evlEAST06072108.htm>

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