

ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: GSAF 2008.07.24.a

DATE: Thursday July 24, 2008

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean opposite 138 Shore Drive, Surf City, Pender County, North Carolina, USA.

NAME: Madeline Sinsley

DESCRIPTION: She is an eight-year-old female.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 12h56, New River MCAS, recorded mostly cloudy skies and visibility of 10 miles [16.1 km]. The air temperature was 84°F [28.9°C], dew point 71.1°F [21.7°C], humidity 65%, sea level pressure 30.03 inches [1016.7 hPa], and there was no wind.

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, July 25, 2008

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 30 to 40 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: The waves were waist- to chest-deep on the adults that were in the water with Madeline.

TIME: 13h00

NARRATIVE: At around 13h00, Madeline saw something tugging on her foot and looked down to see a shark approximately three to four feet in length. An adult near the child picked her up, and felt some resistance. The adult looked down and saw the animal. They described the fish as gray in color with no markings. The animal released the child and she was carried to shore.

FIRST AID: A nurse friend of the family cleaned the wound on the beach. At 13h05 a call came in to the Surf City Police Department about a possible shark bite and officer Barnett was called to the scene (Case Number 081912). When he arrived, Madeline was already being treated for her wounds by EMS.

INJURY: There was an arc of individual lacerations, the largest being two-inches in length, on the dorsal surface of the right foot.

SPECIES: Not identified.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Clay Creswell, Global Shark Accident File

