

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** GSAF 2008.09.14

**DATE:** Sunday, September 14, 2008

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off the 1000 block of Ocean Shore Boulevard, Ormond-by-the-Sea, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 32-year-old male, a tourist from Tennessee.

### BACKGROUND

**WEATHER:** At 11h53, Daytona Beach recorded scattered clouds and 10 mile [16.1 km] visibility. The air temperature was 88°F [31.1°C], dew point 70°F [21.1°C], humidity 55%, sea level pressure 30.03 inches [1016.7 hPa], and no wind.

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, 100% of the Moon was illuminated.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was murky. Waves were two- to three-feet in height, and semi-choppy, the current was heading North and the sea surface temperature was 82°F. Mean low tide at Daytona Beach was at 12h13.

**ENVIRONMENT:** There were bait fish in the water.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Waist-deep

**TIME:** Just before 12h00

**NARRATIVE:** The man was in waist-deep water when a wave knocked him from his feet. While his feet were off the bottom, he felt something grab his heel. The shark made a single bite.

**INJURY:** The man sustained two lacerations to his heel.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** The man drove himself to the hospital.

**SPECIES:** Officials said that based on the pattern of bite-mark, the shark was most likely a two- to three-foot juvenile shark.

**SOURCE:** News-Journal online, September 14, 2008,  
<http://www.news-journalonline.com/NewsJournalOnline/breakingnews/bite091408.htm>

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