

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 2008.10.08

DATE: Wednesday October 8, 2008

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Gulf of Mexico at Santa Rosa Beach, Walton County, Florida, USA

NAME: Anthony Hudson

DESCRIPTION: He is an 11-year-old male from East Memphis, Tennessee.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 62% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, October 7, 2008.

ENVIRONMENT: The boy was standing in a school of baitfish.

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: 12h00

NARRATIVE: The family of six were enjoying a few days on the beach. Hudson was standing alone in the water with a fishing net, when he was injured. "I felt this intense, sharp pain. I saw the big gash and it freaked me out. I started screaming for help," he said.

INJURY: Laceration to the right heel.

TREATMENT: The boy was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in Santa Rosa where his injury was repaired with "two layers of stitches and eight stitches on top."

SPECIES: Hudson said never saw what bit him: "It came up from behind me. I didn't know what got me, but I knew it was really bad." Hospital officials speculated the injury was caused by a four- to five-foot sand shark.

SOURCE: Memphis Commercial Appeal, October 19, 2008

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2008/oct/19/shark-takes-bite-out-of-e-memphis-boys-fall/>