

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 2009.05.17

**DATE:** Sunday May 17, 2009

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Nolan Provido

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 31-year-old male from Orlando. He is 5'9" tall, weighs 165 pounds and was wearing black knee-length baggies.

**BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** The air temperature was 81°F.

**MOON PHASE:** Last Quarter, May 17, 2009

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The sea was murky with a 2- to 3-foot semi-chop. The water temperature was 75°F. The tide was incoming: Mean low tide was 09h18, mean high tide at 15h11.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The incident took place off a sandy beach 500 yards south of Ponce de Leon Inlet. There was fishing activity on the inlet jetty.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 100 yards

**DEPTH OF WATER:** 15 feet, but the bite took place about two feet below the surface.

**TIME:** 09h35

**NARRATIVE:** Nolan Provido was sitting on his surfboard, his feet dangling in the water, on the outside break when he saw a "large amount of baitfish" in the immediate area. When the shark struck his leg, he pulled it out of the fish's mouth.

**INJURY:** Multiple lacerations to left leg and foot.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** He was treated at the scene by the Volusia County Beach Patrol, and his injury was sutured at Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach.

**SPECIES:** Most likely a blacktip or spinner shark.

**CASE INVESTIGATOR:** Captain Scott Petersohn, Volusia County Beach Patrol

