

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: [GSAF 2010.06.25.a](#)

DATE: Friday June 25, 2010

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean behind the Sea Vista Motel near beach access #16 near Drum Avenue on South Topsail Beach, Pender County, North Carolina, USA.

NAME: Carley Schlentz

DESCRIPTION: She is a 13-year-old female from Greensboro.



Carley Schlentz

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 12h56 New River MCAS recorded mostly cloudy skies and visibility of 10 miles. The air temperature was 93.9°F, dew point 75.9°F, humidity 56%, sea level pressure 30.02 inches and wind direction was West at 4.6 mph.

MOON PHASE: Full moon, June 26, 2010

DEPTH OF WATER: Four feet

TIME: 13h00

NARRATIVE: Carley Schlentz was swimming with friends when she was bitten. "I felt like something grabbed my foot but then it got really sharp and it wasn't letting go. So I pulled away and by then it had already bitten me twice," she said. "Then I pulled [my foot] out [of the water] to see what it was, and it was pretty bad. The ligament was spread out and you could see it."

INJURY: Lacerations to left foot.

TREATMENT: She was rushed to Cape Fear Hospital in Wilmington where her injury was repaired with 60 sutures. Schlentz is expected to be on crutches for at least two weeks. Her mother said she may need plastic surgery after the wound completely heals. Doctors say additional reconstructive surgery might be needed sometime early next year.

SPECIES: Not identified

SOURCES: Fox News, June 28, 2010; WWAYTV3, June 28, 2010

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Clay Creswell, GSAF