

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** GSAF 2010.07.17

**DATE:** Saturday July 17, 2010

**LOCATION:** The accident took place in Wrightsville Beach, Hanover County, North Carolina, USA.

**NAME:** Kendall Parker

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a 13-year-old female from Davidson, North Carolina.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** The county was experiencing a heat wave. At 13h53, Wilmington recorded scattered clouds and visibility of 10 miles. The air temperature was 90°F, dew point 75° F, humidity 61%, sea level pressure 30.06 inches and wind direction was SSW at 12.7 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** First Quarter, July 18, 2010

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Waist-deep

**TIME:** 13h30



*Kendall Parker*

**NARRATIVE:** "I just felt something on my arm as I was swimming," she said. "I thought it was my dad joking around and then I pulled it up and it was gushing blood."

Parker said she didn't see a shark and didn't know what had bitten her. "I didn't even know at first ... could have been bitten by anything," she said.

**INJURY:** The girl sustained two arcs of lacerations to her right forearm, and a torn tendon.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** She was taken to Cape Fear Hospital where her injury was repaired with 40 stitches.

**SPECIES:** Her doctors believe the accident may have involved a sandtiger shark, four to five feet in length.

**SOURCES:** Star News Online, July 17, 2010; WCET6 News, July 18, 2010; WSOC TV, July 18, 2010.

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