

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** GSAF 2010.08.05

**DATE:** Thursday August 5, 2010

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

**NAME:** Judy Fischman

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a female from Bethune Beach and was clad in a black bathing suit.

**BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 18h48, New Smyrna Beach recorded partly cloudy skies and visibility of 10 miles. The air temperature was 89.6°F, dew point 75.2°F, humidity 62%, sea level pressure 29.90 inches and wind direction was SSE at 17.3 mph.

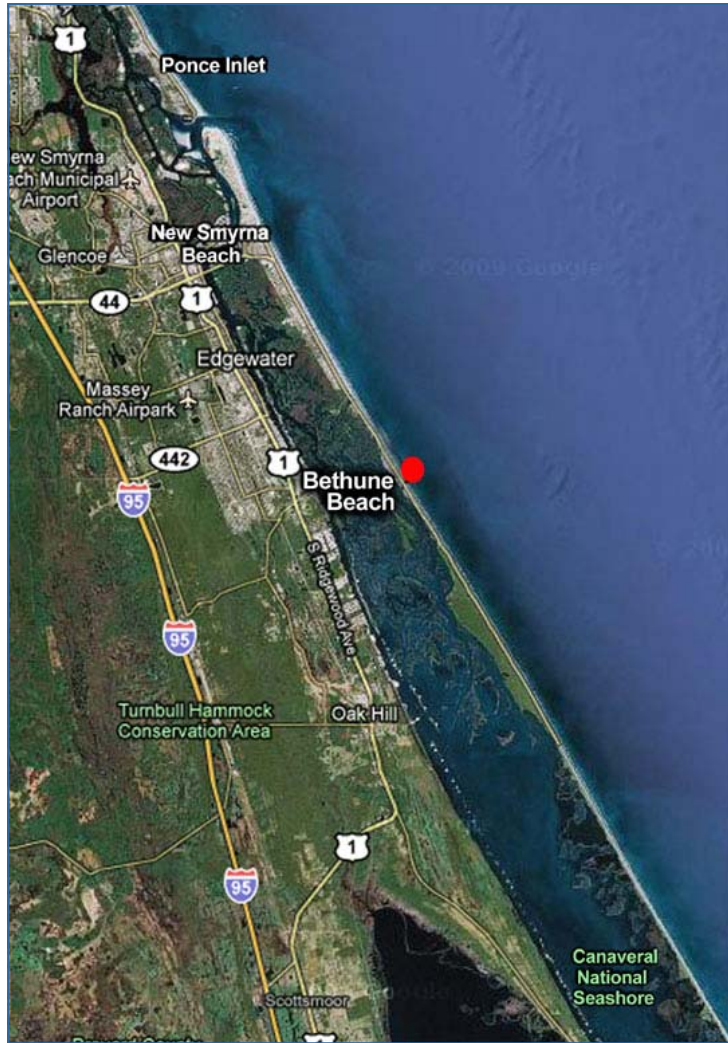
**MOON PHASE:** Waning Crescent, 10% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, August 9, 2010.

**ENVIRONMENT:** A large group of sharks were swimming parallel to the shore, according to witnesses.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** “A couple of hundred yards

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Six feet

**TIME:** 19h15



**NARRATIVE:** She was swimming when she was suddenly lifted above the water on the back of a large dark animal. She struck the animal on its back and, when it turned on its belly, she slid into the water.

**INJURY:** Minor abrasions to legs.

**SPECIES:** Shark involvement not confirmed.

**SOURCES:** Daytona Beach News-Journal, August 7, 2010; WESH.com, August 10, 2010, <http://www.wesh.com/r/24574718/detail.html>



*Judy Fischman*