ACTIVITY: Surfing
CASE: GSAF 2010.09.03.b
DATE: Friday September 3, 2010
LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the jetty at Ponce de Leon Inlet in New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

Ponce de Leon Inlet

NAME: Jason Coffman
DESCRIPTION: He is a 29-year-old male from South Daytona.

BACKGROUND
WEATHER: At 12h50, New Smyrna Beach recorded scattered clouds and visibility of ten miles. The air temperature was 789.6°F, dew point 68°F, humidity 490%, sea level pressure 29.99 inches and it was Calm (no wind)
MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 30% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, September 8, 2010
ENVIRONMENT: Hurricane Earl was kicking up the waves, bait fish were plentiful and witnesses spotted more sharks than they could count. The surfer said he saw baitfish all around him.
TIME: "Just before noon"

NARRATIVE: Jason Coffman was in the water, off his board after riding a wave, when a shark bit him, let go and then chomped down again. As he struggled to grab his board with his free hand to stay afloat, Coffman swung the board in front of him and tried to pull his hand free. Then, Coffman said, the shark came out of the water, onto his board, and he could see about four feet of shark from nose to dorsal fin.

INJURY: Lacerations to the right hand.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The Coast Guard was able to bandage the surfer's injuries and he sought further treatment on his own. On his way to the hospital, he stopped at the Sunglow Pier to check the surf one more time and show off his shark bite to some of his surfing friends.

SPECIES: Not identified.

SOURCES: Daytona Beach News-Journal, September 4, 2010, http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/local/east-volusia/2010/09/04/2-surfers-bitten-as-sharks-invade-volusias-coastline.html
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