

ACTIVITY: Surfing
CASE: GSAF 2010.09.24
DATE: Friday September 24, 2010

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Porter's Island, Sandridge Beach, Virginia Beach, Princess Anne County, Virginia, USA.

NAME: Caleb Kauchak
DESCRIPTION: He is an 18-year-old male from Virginia Beach.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 15h56, Oceana NAS recorded scattered clouds and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 91°F, dew point 66°F, humidity 44%, sea level pressure 30.07 inches and wind direction was SW at 12.7 mph

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, 98% of the Moon is Illuminated

TIME: 16h30

NARRATIVE: Caleb Kauchak and his buddies were standing next to their boards when they felt something in the water brush up against them, and then the shark grabbed his ankle. "I kind of felt a little bit of a thrashing," he said. "I immediately jumped on my board to get my out of the water and as I did I felt my board lean back," Kauchak said. "I felt a sharp pain in my knee and then after that it let go. It was just a quick bite and release."

INJURY: Lacerations to left ankle and knee.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The surfers came out of the water and applied pressure to Caleb's wounds. The teen was transported to Virginia Beach General Hospital where his injuries were repaired with 51 stitches.

SPECIES: Not identified, but the accident was thought to involve a "small shark", possibly a five foot blacktip, bull or sandbar shark.

SOURCES: Dailypress.com, September 24, 2010; WAVY-TV, September 26, 2010; The Virginian Pilot, September 24, 2010, <http://hamptonroads.com/2010/09/surfer-treated-suspected-shark-attack-sandridge?cid=mr>



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