

ACTIVITY: Playing in the surf

CASE: GSAF 2011.08.15

DATE: Monday August 15, 2011

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean in the area of 3rd Avenue north, near the pier, in Myrtle Beach, Horry County, South Carolina, USA.

NAME: Rudy Varney

DESCRIPTION: He is a seven-year-old male from Mingo County, West Virginia.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 95% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, August 13, 2011.

ENVIRONMENT: Sharks were seen in the vicinity of the pier on Sunday.

NARRATIVE: He was playing in the water when he suddenly cried out in pain.

INJURY: Lacerations to right foot and a severed tendon.

TREATMENT: The boy was taken to Grand Strand Regional Medical Center for treatment. He underwent surgery and was back in his hotel room the following day.

SPECIES: The family was told by authorities that the incident *may* have involved a blacktip shark.

SOURCES: Carolina Live, August 15, 2011; WMBF, August 16, 2011; et al

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