

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2011.09.02

DATE: Friday September 2, 2011

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean about a quarter-mile south of the jetty at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Daniel True

DESCRIPTION: He is a 19-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 31% of the Moon is illuminated .

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea surface temperature was 83°, and surfing was poor with waves one to two feet and the water was choppy. High tide occurred at 12h05.

DEPTH OF WATER: Four feet

TIME: Just after 11h00

NARRATIVE: Daniel had paddled out and was sitting on his board waiting for a wave with his feet dangling in the water when he felt the shark bite his foot.

INJURY: The surfer sustained lacerations to his right ankle and foot.

TREATMENT: Daniel was treated at the scene and took himself to a nearby hospital (Bert Fish in New Smyrna Beach?) where 34 stitches were need to repair the injury. Both of Daniel's parents are doctors.

SPECIES: Daniel didn't see the shark but his doctors said, based on the bite mark, the shark was about six feet in length. It was thought the accident involved a spinner or blacktip shark

NOTE: According to the 2014 article (see link below) he was wading out with his board when his foot was bitten by a shark.

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