

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** [GSAF 2012.05.21](#)

**DATE:** Thursday May 31, 2012

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Avon, Hatteras Island, Outer Banks, Dare County, North Carolina, USA.



*Megan Konkler*

**NAME:** Megan Konkler

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a 33-year-old female from Lancaster.

### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 13h51, Hatteras recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 81°F, dew point 70°F, humidity 69%, sea level pressure 29.88 inches and wind direction was SW at 8.1 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Gibbous, 80% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, June 4, 2012.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Waist-deep

**TIME:** 13h30

**NARRATIVE:** Megan Konkler decided to go into the water to wash the sand off her bathing suit. "I went in right where the waves had been crashing", she said. As she bent down to grab some shells for her son she said, "I felt something cut or bite my big toe. I thought it was a shell or maybe a crab and moved my foot away quickly." Then she looked down and spotted the shark next to her. She yelled for her husband and started to walk away, accidentally stepping on the shark, which then bit her on the foot.

**INJURY:** Foot bitten

**TREATMENT:** Family members wrapped her foot and drove her to Vidant Family Care, Hatteras Island's medical center, where she was treated by Dr. T. Bentley Crabtree. She ended up with 18 stitches in the dorsum of her foot and five stitches on the sole of her foot.

**SPECIES:** The incident involved a small shark 18- to 24-inches in length.

**NOTE:** This was a provoked accident; the shark bit her after she stepped on it.

**SOURCES:** The Virginian-Pilot, June 1, 2012; Lancaster Eagle-Gazette, June 5, 2012

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