

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2012.06.02.b

DATE: Saturday June 2, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Bethune Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Angelina DelRosso

DESCRIPTION: She is a female from DeLand.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 95% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, June 4, 2012.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was glassy.

NARRATIVE: Angelina was among a group of 13-year-olds gathered for a birthday party. Also at the party was Jane McAskill. Jane and Angelina have been friends since they were four years old. About 30 minutes into the party, the girls went into the water. "There were about 15 or 20 other kids in the water," Jane said. "And there were people all around us."

A wave finally came along, and Angelina popped on her board to catch it. That's when she was bitten. "I felt, like a tug, and my board went down," Angelina said. "I looked down, and started screaming." Jane was about five feet away. She raced to her friend's side and told Angelina to get on her board. "I just kept telling her to stay calm, stay calm," Jane said. "I was trying to remain calm, but it was hard," Angelina said.

A Good Samaritan ran into the surf to help, and assisted Angelina's parents in bringing their daughter to shore.

INJURY: Laceration to right thigh.

TREATMENT: The girl's injury was repaired with 21 stitches.

SPECIES: Not identified.

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High spirits — Angelina DelRosso and Jane McAskill were in high spirits June 5, joking and laughing as they talked about Saturday morning, June 2, when Angelina was bitten by a shark while surfing at Bethune Beach. A bandage on Angelina's leg covers a J-shaped row of stitches.