

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: [GSAF 2012.06.14.d](#)

DATE: Thursday June 14, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Myrtle Beach, Horry County, South Carolina, USA.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: She is an 18-year-old female.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 13h53, North Myrtle Beach recorded partly cloudy skies and visibility of 10 miles. The air

temperature as 82.9°F, dew point 60.1°F, humidity 46%, sea level pressure 30.05 inches and wind direction was North at 11.5 mph, with gusts to 17.3 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 18% of the Moon was illuminated. Last Quarter, June 11, 2012.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water in the area was “murkier than usual”, according to Lifeguard Denny Starr. The measured sea surface temperature at Springmaid Pier was 78.1°F.

NARRATIVE: Tourist Karen Minton was he was on the beach when an 18-year-old girl came out of the water screaming and with bites on her hand and feet. “I asked her if she was sure it was a shark,” said Minton. “She said 'yes, I tried to pry it off my foot with my hands and that's when it bit my hand”.

INJURY: Minor injuries to foot and hands.”

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Her injuries were treated at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

SPECIES: Four people were injured within a 10 minute period, which suggests that a school of small blacktip sharks were moving along the shore.

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