



**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** [GSAF 2012.09.02.a](#)

**DATE:** Sunday September 2, 2012

**LOCATION:** The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a 56 or 58-year-old female from Orlando.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 16h47, New Smyrna Beach recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 84.2°F, dew point 68°F, humidity 58%, sea level pressure 30.03 inches and wind direction was East at 4.6 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Gibbous, 95% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, August 31, 2012.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** Many migrating bait fish were in the water. According to authorities, the underwater visibility was poor because of crashing waves; waves were churning up the sandy seabed, decreasing underwater visibility.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Three feet

**TIME:** 16h30

**NARRATIVE:** According to witnesses, the shark nipped and immediately released her.

**INJURY:** She sustained a small puncture wound to her left ankle.

**TREATMENT:** Her husband drove her to Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach for treatment. According to the press, her wounds required stitches.

**SPECIES:** Not identified. The woman said the shark was 3.5 to 4-feet in length.

**SOURCE:** WYTV, September 3, 2012, <http://www.wtv.com/home/headlines/Two-Swimmers-Recovering-After-Shark-Attack-168383576.html>