



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2012.09.04](#)

DATE: Tuesday September 4, 2012

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Coconut Point Park in Melbourne Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: He is a 32-year-old male, a local college student.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 07h53 AM, Melbourne recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 73.9°F, dew point 73°F, humidity 97%, sea level pressure 30.03 inches and it was Calm.

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 84% of the Moon was illuminated.

TIME: 07h56

NARRATIVE: The surfer went out to catch some waves before class. He was paddling out from shore when he placed his hand in the water and felt a bite. He was able to get out of the water without assistance.

INJURY: The surfer sustained small puncture wounds to his hand.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: His hand was treated by paramedics on the beach. Hospitalization was not considered necessary. However, *My Fox Orlando* reported that it took 30 stitches for doctors to repair the injuries to his hand.

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