



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2012.11.19](#)

DATE: Monday November 19, 2012

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at North Spessard Holland Park in Melbourne Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Kai Rittgers

DESCRIPTION: He is a 14-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 17h53, Melbourne recorded overcast skies and visibility of 10 miles. The air temperature was 57.9°F, dew point 55.9°F, humidity 93%, sea level pressure 30.07 inches and wind direction was NW at 11.5 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 40% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, November 20, 2012.

TIME: 17h30 (dusk, sunset was at 17h28)

NARRATIVE: Kai was surfing with his father and brothers. He was paddling back in when he felt something hit him in the foot. He turned around and saw a shark. He shook his foot and the shark was “squirming around on the board” for a few seconds.

INJURY: A crescent of lacerations to the left foot and heel.

TREATMENT: Bryce Rittgers took his son to Dawn Jockovich, an emergency room physician. She dressed the wound and gave him a prescription for an antibiotic.

SPECIES: According to the surfer, the shark was two- to three-feet in length, “tannish-gray on the top and white on the belly.”

SOURCE: Florida Today, November 19, 2012,
http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20121119/NEWS01/121119022/Teen-surfer-bitten-by-shark-off-Melbourne-Beach?nclick_check=1



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