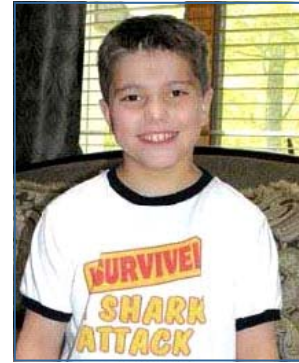


ACTIVITY: Playing in the surf

CASE: [GSAF 2013.04.17](#)

DATE: Wednesday April 17, 2013

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near Boynton Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, USA.



Colten Cicarelli

NAME: Colten Cicarelli

DESCRIPTION: He is a nine-year-old male from Roxbury, Connecticut.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 10h53, West Palm Beach recorded mostly cloudy skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 79°F, dew point 64.9°F, humidity 62%, sea level pressure 30.12 inches (falling) and wind direction was NE at 10.4 mph.

ENVIRONMENT: Boynton Beach is just north of Delray Beach and south of Palm Beach.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 42% of the Moon was illuminated.

DEPTH OF WATER: "Shallow"

TIME: 10h30

NARRATIVE: Colten was playing in the water when he felt something hard under his foot and thought he had stepped on a rock. He looked down and saw the shark. As the boy kicked the shark away it bit his foot.

INJURY: Lacerations to dorsum of the right foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Colten's father, Mike Cicarelli, pulled his son from the water. The boy was taken to Delray Medical Center where plastic surgeon Anthony Dardano repaired tendons in the boy's foot.

SPECIES: According to Colten, the shark was about three feet in length.

NOTE: This is considered a provoked incident. The shark bit the boy as he kicked it.

