

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF.06.15

DATE: Saturday June 15, 2013

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Atlantic Beach, Duval County, Florida, USA.

30°20'5"N, 81°24'32"W



Atlantic Beach

NAME: Ashlee LaFlam*

DESCRIPTION: A female in her 20s

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 39% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, June 16, 2013.

TIME: 17h00

NARRATIVE: A handful of people were in the water when the incident took place. A woman who gave her name as Ashlee LaFlam said she was surfing with friends when she suddenly felt the shark bite. She told witnesses she felt a push by something she couldn't see, and then felt pain in her Achilles tendon. Right away, she said she knew it was a shark because she felt its teeth sink into the bottom of her foot. She was pushed ashore by one of Kelly Vaughn's friends.

INJURY: Lacerations to posterior left ankle.

FRST AID / TREATMENT: "We walked over and the girl said that a shark bit her," said Kelly Vaughn. "Then she blacked out and couldn't remember how she got back to the beach." The patient was given first aid by lifeguards and taken to the hospital for further testing. LaFlam said she had surgery Sunday night when doctors tried to remove a shark tooth from the bottom of her foot. She said that tooth broke and the doctors told her they thought there are still pieces left in her foot.

SPECIES: Not identified.

SOURCES: Kristen Sell, ksell@actionnewsjax.com, June 18, 2013, <http://www.actionnewsjax.com/content/topstories/story/Surfer-recalls-shark-attack-teeth-sinking-into/LkQnZjleiU-yO3c7lqy8-Q.csp>

http://www.actionnewsjax.com/content/topstories/story/Possible-shark-attack-at-Atlantic-Beach-injures-1/N2miNsxzxUOWR346ok8s_A.csp

http://www.actionnewsjax.com/mostpopular/story/Shark-victim-has-teeth-embedded-in-foot/DbIZfriUO0qP_O4Jms9_1Q.csp

* Another press report notes that a surfer, Tiffany Layson, also in her 20s, was bitten on the foot on the same day, same time, at the same beach.