

ACTIVITY: Swimming / Body Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2013.06.25.b](#)

DATE: Tuesday June 25, 2013

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off 9th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, Duval County, Florida, USA.



NAME: Colleen Malone

DESCRIPTION: She is a 19-year-old female from Swanee or Cumming, Georgia, a sophomore at Georgia Southern University. She was wearing a two-piece white swimsuit.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: Jacksonville recorded mostly cloudy skies with thunderstorm followed by light rain in the late afternoon. At 11h53, Jacksonville NAS recorded mostly cloudy skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 86°F, dew point 69.1°F, humidity 57%, sea level pressure 30.17 inches and wind direction was SE at 9.2 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 90% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, June 23, 2013.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 40 feet

DEPTH OF WATER: Four feet

TIME: 12h00 or 12h45

NARRATIVE: Malone, her cousin and a friend were body surfing, playing in the waves. and had been in the water for about an hour when they saw a fin a few feet away. "I see the fins come out of the water, like kind of sideways, and I freaked out," says Malone.

The teen says she did not initially feel any pain. "I must, at some point, must've kicked it off my foot or it just let go," Malone said. She began swimming on her back as fast as possible towards shore.

INJURY: Her left foot sustained damage from the ankle to the toes, and tissue was removed, but there was no tendon or bone damage.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Lifeguards provided first aid at the scene. Her injury was repaired with 50 stitches at a local hospital.

SPECIES: Malone thinks the incident involved a bull shark about three feet in length.



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