



**ACTIVITY:** Wading

**CASE:** [GSAF 2013.10.05](#)

**DATE:** Saturday October 5, 2013

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Gulf of Mexico opposite Silver Beach Towers in Destin, Okaloosa County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Zachary Tyke Standridge

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 12-year-old male from Madisonville, Tennessee.



## BACKGROUND

**WEATHER:** At 15h53, Destin recorded clear skies and 10 mile visibility. The air temperature was 84.9°F, dew point 73°F, humidity 67%, sea level pressure 29.98 inches (falling) and wind direction was SSE at 10.4 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** New Moon, 1% of the Moon was illuminated.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** Hurricane Karen, which was headed for the Gulf Coast, was fizzling out and changing to a tropical depression, but still generating waves.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Knee-deep.

**TIME:** 15h30

**NARRATIVE:** "We'd only been on the beach for maybe 30 minutes," said his mother, Katie Standridge. "It was rip tide because of the storm so we were only just walking out. Zachary was wading in the water with his cousin. "When Zachary squatted down, it's like the shark just jumped up at his arm. It was so fast, like a split second." The boy ran towards his mother cradling his lower arm, yelling he had been bit by a shark.

**INJURY:** Bite to right forearm. Zachary had two bite marks to his lower right arm, which his mother described as "going in two different directions." Doctors later confirmed that the bite was consistent with a shark bite.

**TREATMENT:** Zachary was taken to the pool area of Silver Beach Towers where he received immediate medical attention. He was then transported by ambulance to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center.

**SPECIES:** Not identified. Zachary said the shark was two to three feet in length, while

according to witnesses, the shark was about four feet in length. The location suggests the incident may have involved a small bull shark.

**SOURCES:** Destin Log, October 5, 2013, <http://www.thedestinlog.com/news/breaking-news-boy-injured-in-possible-destin-shark-attack-1.214075>

The Monroe County Advocate, October 9, 2013, <http://www.advocateanddemocrat.com/story/27077>

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*Zachary Standridge with his father, Scot Standridge*