

ACTIVITY: Body surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2014.08.31](#)

DATE: Sunday August 31, 2014

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean about a mile south of a jetty at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Alexandra Masterson

DESCRIPTION: She is a 13-year-old female from Boca Raton, an eighth-grader at Omni Middle School.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 16h47, New Smyrna Beach recorded 10 mile visibility and a partly cloudy sky. The air temperature was 89.6°F, dew point 73.4°F, humidity 59%, sea level pressure 30.10 inches (falling), and wind direction was East at 10.4 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 41% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, September 2, 2014

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: 16h40

NARRATIVE: The girl was in the water with her father when she felt something hit her, she said. Initially, the teenager thought a turtle had chomped down on her leg, then she noticed the puncture wound on her left leg, and suspected the culprit was something with bigger teeth...so I thought a shark bit me," Alexandra said. "It didn't hurt that badly when it actually happened." Her father carried her out of the water.

INJURY: Left leg injured

TREATMENT: The injury required stitches, and when she left the hospital late the same day she was already texting friends and posting photos on Instagram.

SPECIES: Although Alexandra and her dad never saw the shark in the water, hospital staff told them that she was likely bitten by a spinner shark, said her father, Taun Masterson.