

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2014.10.05.a](#)

DATE: Sunday October 5, 2014

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean south of south of Flagler Avenue , at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Kevin Ross

DESCRIPTION: He is a 29-year-old male from Deltona, Florida. He has been surfing for only three months.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 11h47, New Smyrna Beach recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 71.6°F, dew point 51.8°F, humidity 50%, sea level pressure 30.03 inches, and wind direction was NNE at 12.7 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 89% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, October 8, 2014.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was murky.

ENVIRONMENT: There were a lot of baitfish in the water.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE:

TIME: 11h30



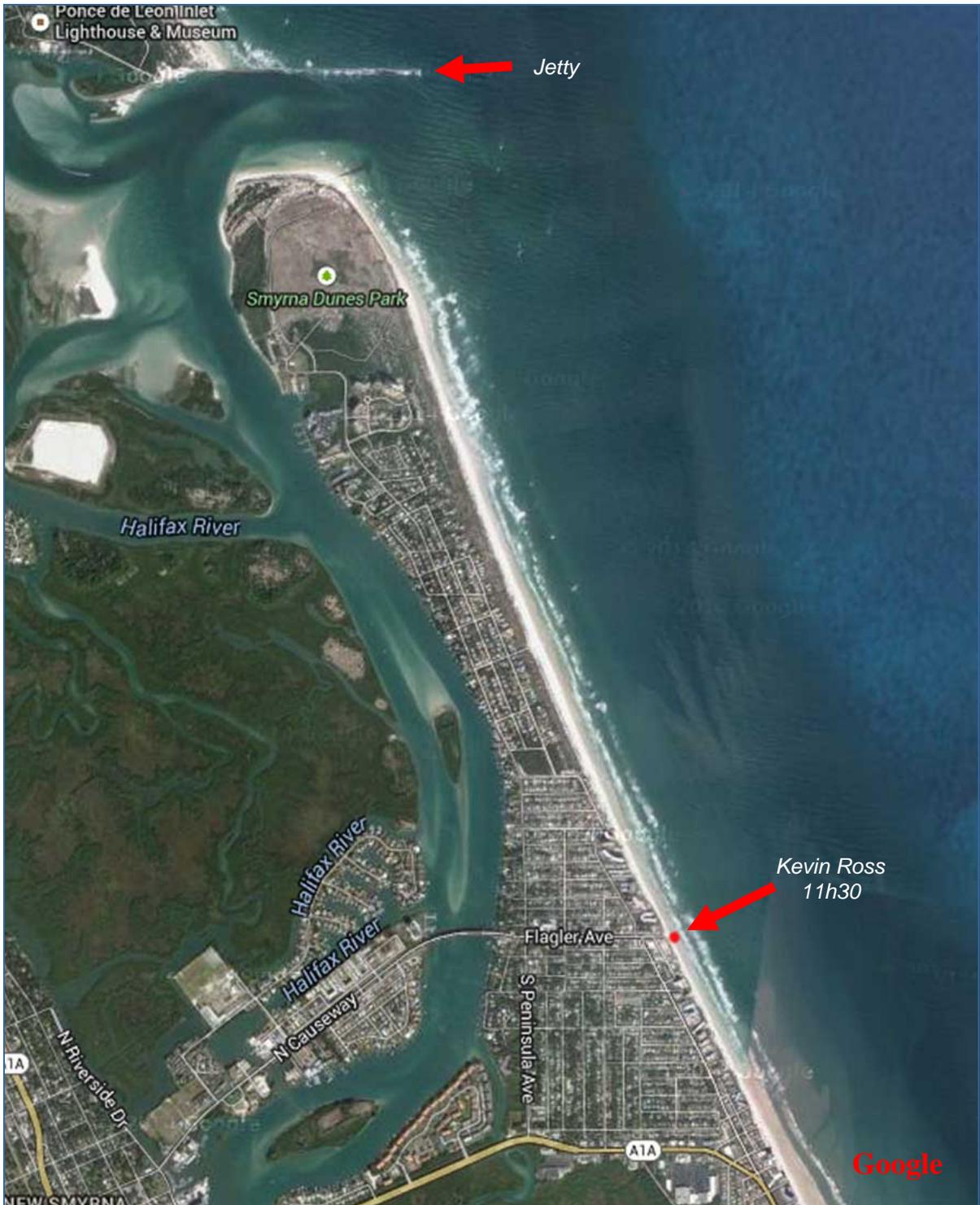
NARRATIVE: Ross was paddling on his surfboard through a school of bait fish when a small shark grabbed his foot. "I guess I happened to catch where mullet were running and a shark thought my foot was a snack," Ross said. He described the bite "as if a little Chihuahua (dog) bit my ankle". He paddled back to shore without assistance.

INJURY: Deep lacerations to the left foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The surfer was transported to Bert Fish Medical Center where his injury was treated and he was released later the same afternoon.

SPECIES: According to WOFL, Ross was able to identify the fish that bit him as a small blacktip shark.

NOTE: This was the second shark bite of the day at New Smyrna Beach. Thirty minutes earlier 15-year-old Hilton Mantooth was also bitten by a shark at New Smyrna Beach.



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