

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** [GSAF 2015.05.24](#)

**DATE:** Sunday May 24, 2015

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

**NAME:** Alysa Whetro

**DESCRIPTION:** A 13-year-old female. She is a track star for the Central Florida Gators of Lake Brantley High School and was planning on competing in the Junior Olympics in the high jump.



*Alysa Whetro*

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Crescent, 40% of the Moon was illuminated

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Waist-deep

**NARRATIVE:** "When it bit me, I felt like a pain, like a sharp pain and then I pulled my foot up," Alysa said.

**INJURY:** An arc of puncture wounds to lower left leg and ankle, with shallow lacerations to lateral foot and a deep laceration to Achilles tendon.

**TREATMENT:** The injury to the Achilles tendon was surgically repaired on May 29, 2015

**SPECIES:** Not identified.

**NOTE:** Alysa has a sense of humor; before her injury was even repaired she placed a temporary shark tattoo on her leg.



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