

ACTIVITY: Wading

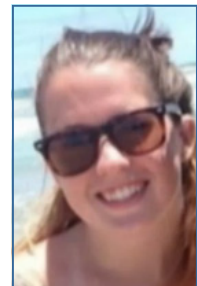
CASE: [GSAF 2015.05.29.a](#)

DATE: Friday May 29, 2015

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off the 700 block of North Atlantic Avenue in New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA. $29^{\circ}02'35.27''N$, $80^{\circ}53'49.38''W$

NAME: Dakota Hatfield

DESCRIPTION: A 19-year-old female from Deltona.



Dakota Hatfield

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 13h47 PM, KEVB airport reported scattered clouds and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 84.2°F, heat index 86.6°F, dew point 66.2°F, humidity 55%, sea level pressure 30.16 inches (falling), and wind direction was NE at 13.8 mph with gusts to 20.7 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 84% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, June 2, 2015.

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: 13h45

NARRATIVE: Dakota Hatfield had just waded into waist-deep water off New Smyrna Beach when she felt a sting. "I just felt something bite my foot and I immediately told my cousin, 'I got bit by something,'" she said "I started freaking out. I was crying. I started hyperventilating. ... I was really scared that one of my toes was going to be gone."

INJURY: Minor lacerations to toes and foot.

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FIRST AID / TREATMENT: She was treated on the scene by Beach Safety Officials, then taken to the hospital where the injury was repaired with 15 stitches.

SPECIES: Not identified and the teen did not see the shark.

SOURCES: News 13, May 29, 2015 http://www.mynews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2015/5/29/shark_bite_new_smyrna_beach.html
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