



ACTIVITY: Walking

CASE: [GSAF 2015.07.26.a](#)

DATE: Sunday July 26, 2015

LOCATION: The incident took place near beach access No. 9 off Palmetto Boulevard, Edisto Beach, Colleton County, South Carolina, USA.

30°32'N, 80°17'W

NAME:

DESCRIPTION: A 35-year-old female from Mount Pleasant.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 10h15, KJZI (the airport nearest to Edisto) recorded partly cloudy skies and 10 mile visibility. The air temperature was 84.2°F, heat index 92.3°F, dew point 75.2°F, humidity 74%, sea level pressure 29.96 inches and wind direction was NE at 10.4mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 74% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, July 31, 2015.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was “mildly choppy and pretty murky,” according to Edisto Beach Fire Chief Denney Conley.

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: 10h10

NARRATIVE: The woman was walking in the water near the rocks that make up one of the beach’s groins when she either stepped on or brushed against a small shark. Edisto Beach Police Chief George Brothers said that it appeared that the shark was attempting to get away from the woman when it nipped her. She waded ashore unaided.

INJURY: Rescue officials reported that the injury was very minor and consisted of a two-inch laceration to the dorsal surface of her foot, and two puncture wounds to the sole.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Two doctors on the beach tended to the patient's injury before paramedics arrived on the scene. She was transported her to the Emergency Department of Colleton Medical Center in Walterboro where the injury was stitched and she was released.

SPECIES: The woman did not see what bit her and wasn't sure what if the injury was caused by a shark or another marine animal. According to rescue officials the incident involved a blacktip shark between three and four feet in length.

SOURCES: ABC 11. July 27, 2015

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