



CASE: GSAF 2015.08.22.b

DATE: Saturday August 22, 2015

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

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: A young boy.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 19h58, KCOF (the airport closest to Cocoa Beach) reported clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 84.7° F, heat index 95.6°F, dew point 77.7°F, humidity 79%, sea level pressure 29.98 inches and wind direction was NE at 6.9 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 49% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, August 22, 2015.

ENVIRONMENT: Sharks were also spotted by beach goers and Cocoa Beach Rangers Saturday afternoon along beaches without lifeguards between the Cocoa Beach Pier and Shepard Park.

TIME: 19h45

NARRATIVE: The boy was in the water near the Cocoa Beach Pier when he was bitten.

INJURY: Wound to right lower leg.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Crews from the Cocoa Beach Fire Department bandaged the boy's wound onsite, but the child was not transported to a hospital by ambulance.



SPECIES: Shark involvement not confirmed. However, bull, blacktip, spinner and bonnethead sharks around three to five feet in length have been spotted or caught near-shore during the summer off Cocoa Beach.

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