

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing  
**CASE:** [GSAF 2015.09.20.d](#)  
**DATE:** Sunday September 20, 2015  
**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the Ponce Inlet jetty at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.



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**NAME:** Unknown  
**DESCRIPTION:** A 14-year-old male

### BACKGROUND

**WEATHER:** At 16h47, KEVB (the airport closest to New Smyrna Beach) recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 82.4°F, Heat Index 87.2°F, dew point 71.6°F, humidity 70%, sea level pressure 29.91 inches, and wind direction was NNE at 11.5 mph with gusts to 18.4 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Crescent, 43% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, September 21, 2015.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The incident happened following a day of two- to four-foot surf, a red flag and two water rescues, with segments of the beach closed during high tide, officials said.

**TIME:** Beach Safety officers responded near the New Smyrna Beach jetty about 16h45.

**NARRATIVE:** The teen was sitting on his surfboard waiting for a wave when his ankle was nipped by a small shark.

**INJURY:** Minor lacerations to left ankle.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** The surfer did not want additional care after the wound was treated by officials.

**SPECIES:** The surfer never saw the shark. "Obviously a very juvenile shark, not very big, as far as looking at the bite pattern," said Capt. Andrew Ethridge, adding that there were not cuts from the lower jaw.



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