

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: **GSF 2016.04.23**

DATE: Saturday April 23, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Kelton Beardall

DESCRIPTION: A 15-year-old male from Atlantic Beach. He has been surfing since he was four.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 17h47, New Smyrna Beach recorded scattered clouds and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 77°F, dew point 66.2°F, humidity 69%, sea level pressure 29.89 inches and wind direction was East at 6.9 mph.

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, 98% of the Moon was illuminated.

ENVIRONMENT: "Combined with a lot of people in the water and warmer temperatures, we get a lot of other baitors in the water also," said Ocean Rescue Sr. Captain Tammy Marris.

Marris added that while there are normally six to eight people bitten by sharks in the Volusia area per year. "But if you're swimming inear the jetties, keep your eyes open."

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 75 feet

TIME:17h30



NARRATIVE: Kelton Beardall was surfing at New Smyrna Beach near the jetty when the incident occurred. "I was going down the line, surfing, and I was trying to do an air and I kicked out of the air in mid-air, and then I landed on the shark and it bit me once," he said. "It bit me, and I couldn't tell whether I stepped on a shell or something," Beardall explained. "I mean, I landed on it, so it was probably kind of mad, but then two seconds later it bit me again and it really hurt. I thought it bit my whole foot off. I caught a wave in on my stomach, Then I tried to walk and I couldn't; I just fell over." Another swimmer reached the young surfer, threw him on his back and carried him out of the water and to his mother's truck.

INJURY: The patient sustained minor injuries to the left foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Paramedics responded and the patient was transported to Bert Fish Hospital in New Smyrna Beach for treatment. His injuries did not require surgery. The teen posted video on his Instagram of himself in the ambulance and hospital.

SOURCES: WESH.com, April 23, 2016

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