

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 2016.05.21.a

DATE: Saturday May 21, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place at Huguenot Park in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Shay

DESCRIPTION: An 11-year-old female.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 17h53, Jacksonville recorded scattered clouds and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 88°F, dew point 63°F, humidity 43%, sea level pressure 29.91 inches and wind direction was NW at 10.4 mph.

MOON PHASE: Full Moon

ENVIRONMENT: Huguenot Park is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail. A portion of the park is designated as a critical wildlife area for nesting terns and shorebirds and is restricted to protect these nesters in season. The beach was unguarded.

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: 17h45 (5:45 pm)

NARRATIVE: The girl was swimming with her cousin when she was bitten by a shark.

INJURIES: The girl sustained five teeth marks on her back, a large laceration on her left arm severed a tendon, and there were injuries to her fingers.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: A nurse who was at the beach nearby helped the family cover the girl's wounds as her uncle flagged down a patrol truck. She was taken to UF Health Jacksonville by ambulance, spent nine hours in the trauma unit and is expected to undergo surgery during the week.

SPECIES: Not identified

SOURCES: FCN, May 22, 2016

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