

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2016.09.18.a](#)

DATE: Sunday September 18, 2016

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

NAME:

DESCRIPTION: A 43-year-old male from Longwood

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 10h47, New Smyrna Beach Municipal airport recorded 10-mile visibility and scattered clouds. The air temperature was 84.2°F, heat index 92.3°F, dew point 75.2°F, humidity 74%, sea level pressure 30.03 inches and wind direction was NNE at 3.5 mph

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 95% of the Moon was Illuminated.

ENVIRONMENT: Many marine predators from sport fish to sharks were feeding on the annual mullet run moving through the area.

TIME: 10h43

NARRATIVE: This was the first of three shark bites within a three hour time span at the beach. Due to the added danger of shark attacks during the seasonal fish migration, signs warning of “dangerous marine life”: had been posted at most beach entrances, but many surfers ignored the warning and continued paddling out to catch waves.

INJURY: Significant lacerations to lower leg near the ankle.

TREATMENT: The patient was transported to a hospital.

SOURCES: Orlando Sentinel, September 18, 2016

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