

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2016.12.11](#)

DATE: Sunday December 11, 2016

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

NAME: Shane Garthwait

DESCRIPTION: A 19-year-old male from New Smyrna Beach.

BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: The surfer said he had seen two sharks swimming in the area prior to the incident. Mullet were running in the area.

DEPTH OF WATER: 18 inches

TIME: Afternoon

NARRATIVE: Shane Garthwait had been surfing for about an hour. He was floating on his board when he felt a tug on his right foot which was dangling in the water.

INJURY: A 1.5 cut on the dorsal surface of the right foot, a half-inch cut to the back of the right ankle and some bruising to the right foot.

TREATMENT: The surfer declined treatment and said his father, a nurse, would look at the wound later.

SPECIES: The surfer didn't see what bit him. According to the media, it was a shark, but a photograph of the injury doesn't support that conclusion.

SOURCE: Katie Kustura, News Journal Online (Daytona Beach), December 15, 2016

<http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/20161215/shark-bites-new-smyrna-beach-mans-foot>.