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TENNESSEE TOURIST TREATED FOR SUSPECTED SHARK BITE

A 40-year old Tennessee man is being treated after apparently suffering a shark bite to his left ankle while swimming in the Gulf of Mexico off Okaloosa Island this afternoon.

Deputies and other emergency first responders were called to 900 South Santa Rosa Boulevard near the 7th Beach Access around 2:45 p.m. Monday afternoon.

A man had suffered what a deputy called a “pretty significant bite”.

The victim said he had been swimming near the second sandbar, about 75 feet offshore when it happened. He said he saw the shark, which he estimated was about four feet long, swimming away after the bite, but he could not tell what type it was.

EMS transported the visitor to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center for treatment of the injury.

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