

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1999.12.31.c

DATE: Friday December 31, 1999

LOCATION: The incident took place at Oreti Beach, South Island, New Zealand.

NAME: Tim Wild

DESCRIPTION: He is a 16-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, December 30, 1999



NARRATIVE: The two girls were swimming and Tim Wild was surfing when the incident took place. There was some confusion about what sea animal had attacked the three teens, some speculated that it might have been a seal or sea lion, but according to one of the girls, it was a shark.

INJURY: He sustained six puncture wounds to his leg.

TREATMENT: The injury did not necessitate hospitalization. He was treated on an outpatient basis.

SPECIES INVOLVED: It was thought that the incident involved a broadnose sevengill shark, a species common in the area.

SOURCES: The Otago Daily Times, Sunday January 2, 2000, page 3; Waikato Times, February 5, 2000; The Southland Times, February 5, 2010, <http://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/news/3295461/Similar-shark-victim-advises-persistence>

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