

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2008.04.28.b](#)

DATE: Monday April 28, 2008

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at a Troncones beach in the state of Guerrero, about 60 miles [100 km] west of the beach resort of Ixtapa, Mexico.

NAME: Adrian Ruiz

DESCRIPTION: He was a 24-year-old male from San Francisco, California.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The air temperature was 82°F.

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, April 28, 2008

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 325 yards [300 m]

TIME: 18h00 (7 p.m.)

NARRATIVE: Adrian Ruiz had just arrived for a vacation with six friends. He was surfing with a fellow American, 28-year-old Brant Helms, when he was attacked. Brant was not injured by the shark.



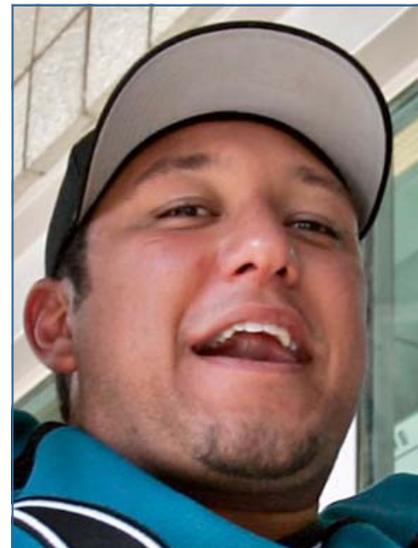
Adrian Ruiz

Photo courtesy of KGO-TV

INJURY: Fatal. He sustained a 15-inch (38-centimeter) wound to his right thigh. The wound extended from the hip to the knee, exposing the femur. Death was due to exsanguination.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Adrian was taken from the water by Brant and bystanders who called for an ambulance and paramedics. Unfortunately, the attack took place at an isolated, undeveloped beach and the ambulance was slow in coming. At 19h30 [7:30 pm], Arturo Zepeda Villalvazo of Telmex, realizing the urgency of the situation, transported the injured man in his company van to the Naval Hospital in Ixtapa. The surfer died while enroute to the hospital.

SPECIES: Witnesses said the shark was gray in color and weighed as much as 660lb (300kg). The attack was thought to have involved a large tiger shark



AAP Photo by Paul Sakuma

SOURCES: <http://www.surflife.com/surfnews/surfwire.cfm?id=15106>;
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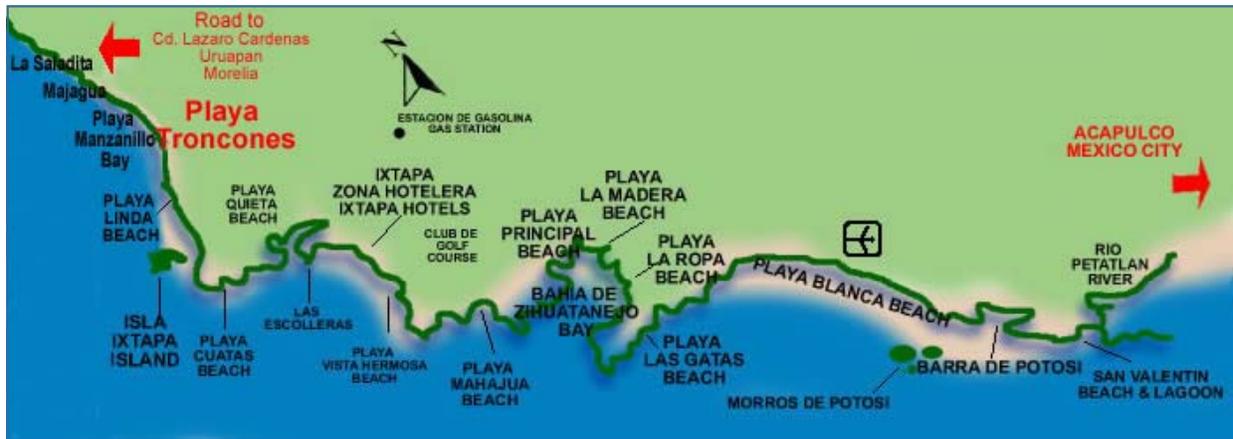
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The newspaper clipping is from 'Despertar de la Costa' (Police page 24). The main headline is 'Se lanzan a la caza del tiburón de Troncones'. The article discusses a shark attack on a swimmer and the search for the shark. Other news items include 'Frustran policías asalto a microbús', 'Choca patrulla de policías con taxi', and 'Atropella auto último modelo a un velador'. There is a photo of a surfboard on a beach and a portrait of a man.



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