



**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** **GSFA 2011.01.15**

**DATE:** Saturday January 15, 2011

**LOCATION:** The attack took place in the Indian Ocean at Second Beach in Port St. Johns, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

**NAME:** Zama Ndamase

**DESCRIPTION:** He was a 16-year-old male and a provincial surfer for Border.



### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 11h00, Port Edward recorded an air temperature of 77°F, dew point 65°F, humidity 59%, sea level pressure 30.02 inches and wind direction was SSW at 10.4 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, January 19, 2011

**ENVIRONMENT:** Port St. Johns has three beaches. Second Beach is five kilometres east of the village centre on a tar road. It is an exposed beach break that has fairly consistent surf and can work at any time of the year. Offshore winds blow from the west northwest. Clean groundswells



*Zama Ndamase*

prevail and the best swell direction is from the southeast. Waves at the beach are both lefts and rights.

**NARRATIVE:** Ndamase was surfing with his brother, Avuyile, and other members of the local surf club when he was bitten by a shark. He managed to catch a wave and attempted to reach shore, but he bled to death in the water before lifeguards and rescue craft were able to reach him.

**INJURY:** Fatal. His left thigh was bitten and his femoral artery was severed by a shark.

**SPECIES:** Preliminary reports claim the incident involved a Zambesi shark. Ndamase is the 4th person killed by a shark at Second Beach in the last two years.



*Zama Ndamase competing for Border at the SA Junior Championships in Cape Town last year*