ACTIVITY: Scuba Diving CASE: GSAF 2011.10.22

DATE: Saturday October 22, 2011

LOCATION: The attack took place in the Indian Ocean off Little Armstong Bay on the north coast of Rottnest Island, 12 kilometres

west of Perth, Western Australia.

NAME: George "Thomas" Wainwright

pescription: He was a 32-year-old, male from Houston, Texas. He was only 17- or 18-years-old when he became among the youngest residents to get his captain's license. He later ran a charter boat business. Wainwright, who went by the name Thomas, also helped with the BP oil spill cleanup in the Gulf of Mexico last year and appeared in a BP video. He moved to Australia six months ago, taking a job as a project manager with a marine company. He emailed family members about returning to Florida for a Christmas visit.

SUPPORT BOAT: A 25-foot Bertram.

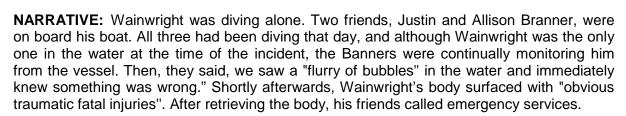
BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 13h30, Perth recorded clear skies. The air temperature was 77°F, dew point 53.6°F, humidity 44%, sea level pressure 29.83 inches and wind direction was WSW at 15mph.

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 29% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, October 27, 2011.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 500 metres

TIME: 13h30



SPECIES: Wainwright's friends said they saw a three-metre white shark around the time his body surfaced.



George Wainright

Shark kills U.S. diver in Australia

A great white shark killed an American diver Saturday in the second fatal shark attack off Western Australia state in 12 days.

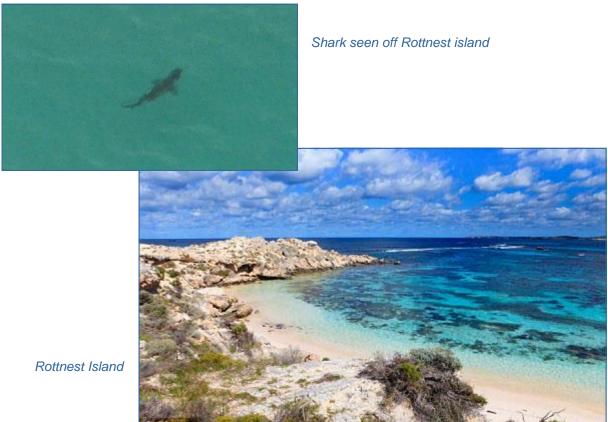
A witness on a dive boat saw "a large amount of bubbles" before the man surfaced with obviously fatal injuries, Western Australia Police Sgt. Gerry Cassidy said.

The shark struck 11 miles from a popular Perth beach where a 64-year-old swimmer is believed to have been taken by a great white on Oct. 10.

The 32-year-old American killed Saturday was living in Perth on a work visa. Police would not release his identity or hometown.

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