

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 1980.11.11

DATE: Tuesday November 11, 1980

LOCATION: The attack took place in the South Atlantic Ocean at Piedade, Pernambuco, Brazil.

NAME: Ibson Gomes Vieira

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

NARRATIVE: He was in the water with two friends when he was attacked and killed by a shark.



INJURY: The boy's feet were severed. His body was recovered the next day and bore bite marks of a shark. The death certificate, however, indicated drowning. In a speech given on November 12 at the House of Councilors of Recife and published on the 13th in the Diario de Pernambuco, Councilman Joshua Pinto, now deceased, warned of underreporting shark attacks.

SOURCE: JC Online, June 25, 2012

Ataque de Tubarão: 20 anos
Igrejinha também foi palco de ataque em 1980
Joveu foi "tragado" pelo mar, como aconteceu com frei Serafim

O local – a Igrejinha de Piedade – e o relato de testemunhas de que foram tragados com força para o fundo do mar são o elo entre a morte de frei Serafim de Oliveira, em 1947, e a de Ibson Gomes Vieira, em 1980. O rapaz de 16 anos sabia nadar e estava na água com duas amigas, numa terça-feira, dia 11 de novembro, quando ocorreu o ataque.

O pai e um primo dele encontraram o corpo, no dia seguinte, com marcas de mordida de tubarão. O atestado de óbito, no entanto, indicou afogamento. Num pronunciamento feito em 12 de novembro na Câmara dos Vereadores do Recife e publicado no dia 13 no Diário de Pernambuco, o vereador Josué Pinto, já falecido, alertou para a subnotificação de casos de ataque, que persiste até hoje.

O texto dizia que Ibson não fora vítima de afogamento, "como de praxe as autoridades diagnosticam em seus boletins semanais da Secretaria de Saúde Municipal os casos de banhistas tragados pelo mar." O título era ainda mais contundente: "Josué Pinto denuncia existência de tubarão assassino em Piedade."

Uma triste lembrança da fisioterapeuta Ivana Gomes Vieira, 46 anos, que em junho de 1980 perdeu outro irmão, Ivson, num acidente de trânsito, reforça a tese de ataque. "Meu pai foi preparar o corpo de Ibson para o velório, mas voltou para casa com o par de sapatos. Ele não tinha mais pés", conta.

Attack Shark: 20 years
Chapel also scene of attack in 1980
Joveu was "swallowed" by the sea, as happened with Father Seraphim

The venue - the little church of Piedade - and reports of witnesses that were swallowed tightly to the seabed are the link between the death of Father Serafim de Oliveira in 1947 and Ibson Gomes Vieira in 1980. The 16 year old boy could swim and was in the water with two friends on Tuesday, November 11, when the attack occurred.

The father and his cousin found his body the next day, with shark bite marks. The death certificate, however, indicated drowning. In a speech given on November 12 at the House of Councilors of Recife and published on the 13th in the Diário de Pernambuco, Councilman Joshua Pinto, now deceased, warned of underreporting attack, which persists today.

The text said Ibson was not drowning victim, "as usual authorities diagnose in their weekly bulletins of the Municipal Health Bureau cases of bathers swallowed by the sea." The title was even more blunt: "Joshua Pinto denounces existence of killer shark in Piedade."

A sad reminder of the physiotherapist Ivana Gomes Vieira, 46, who in June 1980 lost another brother, Ivson in a traffic accident, reinforces the notion of attack. "My father was Ibson prepare the body for the funeral, but came home with a pair of shoes. He had no feet," he says.

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