

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1992.08.25

DATE: Tuesday August 25, 1992

LOCATION: The incident took place at Lipson Cove, north of Tumby Bay, South Australia, Australia.

NAME: Jason Bates

DESCRIPTION: He is a 17-year-old male from Tumby Bay, South Australia.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, August 28, 1992

TIME: 17h50

NARRATIVE: Jason Bates was surfing with his friend, Cory Berryman. "The light was fading so we were calling it a day and heading in towards shore," said Jason. "I looked back and for some reason and saw a shape coming through the water fairly fast towards me. I thought it was a dolphin, but when it got close I saw its head and knew it was a shark. I had no time to do anything before it bit my board."

The shark grabbed Jason's surfboard and the teen was flung into the water by the impact. When he landed in the water he immediately began thrashing his arms and legs about in case the shark came after him. "I just thrashed around until Cory said it was gone."

INJURY: The surfer sustained only minor lacerations to his hip.

TREATMENT: The lacerations required a dozen stitches to repair.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The incident involved a four-metre white shark.

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