

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1993.09.16.b

DATE: Thursday September 16, 1993

LOCATION: La Paz Beach near Punta Roca, El Salvador.

NAME: Jose Diter Roque

DESCRIPTION: He is a 15-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, September 15, 1993

NARRATIVE: No details

INJURY: Severe lacerations to his left leg

SPECIES: The attack reportedly involved a 3.7 m [12'] white shark.

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La Paz Beach near Punta Roca

One Salvadoran surfer dies after sharks attack

SAN SALVADOR — Two youths surfing in El Salvador's Pacific waters were attacked by sharks, with one killed and the other seriously injured, authorities said Friday.

Oscar Mauricio Guzman, 17, was surfing at the El Cocal beach, 20 miles south of the capital Thursday when he was attacked by the fish.

A coroner said the youth had been bitten six or seven times on his arms and legs, but had died from drowning.

A second shark attack occurred two hours later at La Paz beach near Puerto de La Libertad. Jose Diter Roque, 15, escaped the attack alive but doctors said he may lose one of his legs.

Great white shark hunted after deaths

SAN SALVADOR — Fishermen hunted yesterday for a great white shark believed to be responsible for killing one teenage surfer and injuring another off El Salvador's Pacific coast.

Authorities believe the same shark killed two oyster fishermen in an attack in August on a fishing boat.

Mauricio Guzman Castaneda, 17, drowned Thursday after he was bitten several times on the arms and legs while surfing off El Cocal beach, 25 miles south of San Salvador, authorities said. One hour later, surfer Jose Diter Roque, 15, was attacked but was rescued and hospitalized with a deep gash to his left leg.