

ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: GSAF 1999.12.31.a
DATE: Friday December 31, 1999
LOCATION: The incidents took place at Oreti Beach, South Island, New Zealand.

NAME: Genna Hayward
DESCRIPTION: She is a 13-year-old female.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, December 30, 1999



NARRATIVE: Two 13-year-old girls, Genna Hayward and Jennifer McDowell, were swimming and Tim Wild was surfing when the incidents took place. There was some confusion about what sea animal had attacked the three teens, some speculated that it might have been a seal or sealion, but Hayward said it was a shark.

INJURIES: Hayward sustained a cut on her hand.

TREATMENT: The injury did not require admission to the hospital and she was treated on an outpatient basis.

SPECIES INVOLVED: It was thought that the incident involved a broadnose sevengill shark, a species common in the area.

SOURCES: The Otago Daily Times, Sunday January 2, 2000, page 3; Waikato Times, February 5, 2000; The Southland Times, February 5, 2010, <http://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/news/3295461/Similar-shark-victim-advises-persistence>

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