

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: **GSF 2001.11.23**

DATE: Friday November 23, 2001

LOCATION: The incident took place at Flat Rock Beach, Lennox Head, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Roger Frankland

DESCRIPTION: The surfer is a 49-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, November 23, 2001

NARRATIVE: Frankland was lying flat on his board when the shark struck it from below with great force, flinging board and rider more than two metres into the air. "I was really lucky because the way it hit me I stayed on the board until right at the end when I slid off the back," he said. Frankland said he was able to get back on the board but it took almost five minutes to paddle back to shore.

INJURY: No injury.

EQUIPMENT DAMAGE: There were teeth marks and an indentation in the fiberglass surfboard.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The surfer didn't see the shark but a professional fisherman surfing nearby told him that it was a bronze whaler shark.

