

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 2002.03.24

DATE: Sunday March 24, 2002

LOCATION: The attack took place at Boa Viagem Beach, Pernambuco State, Brazil.

8.1°S, 34.8°W

NAME: Fábio Fernandes Silva

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

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 77% of the Moon was illuminated.

ENVIRONMENT: Boa Viagem, the most famous beach in Recife, extends from Pina in the north to Piedade in the south. Boa Viagem is about seven km long. The beach is protected by a line of natural reefs, after which the city was named. At low tide many natural pools are formed all along the shore. At low tide, people walk atop the wide and flat (but slippery) reef. At high tide, the reefs are underwater.

TIME: 17h00

NARRATIVE: No details.

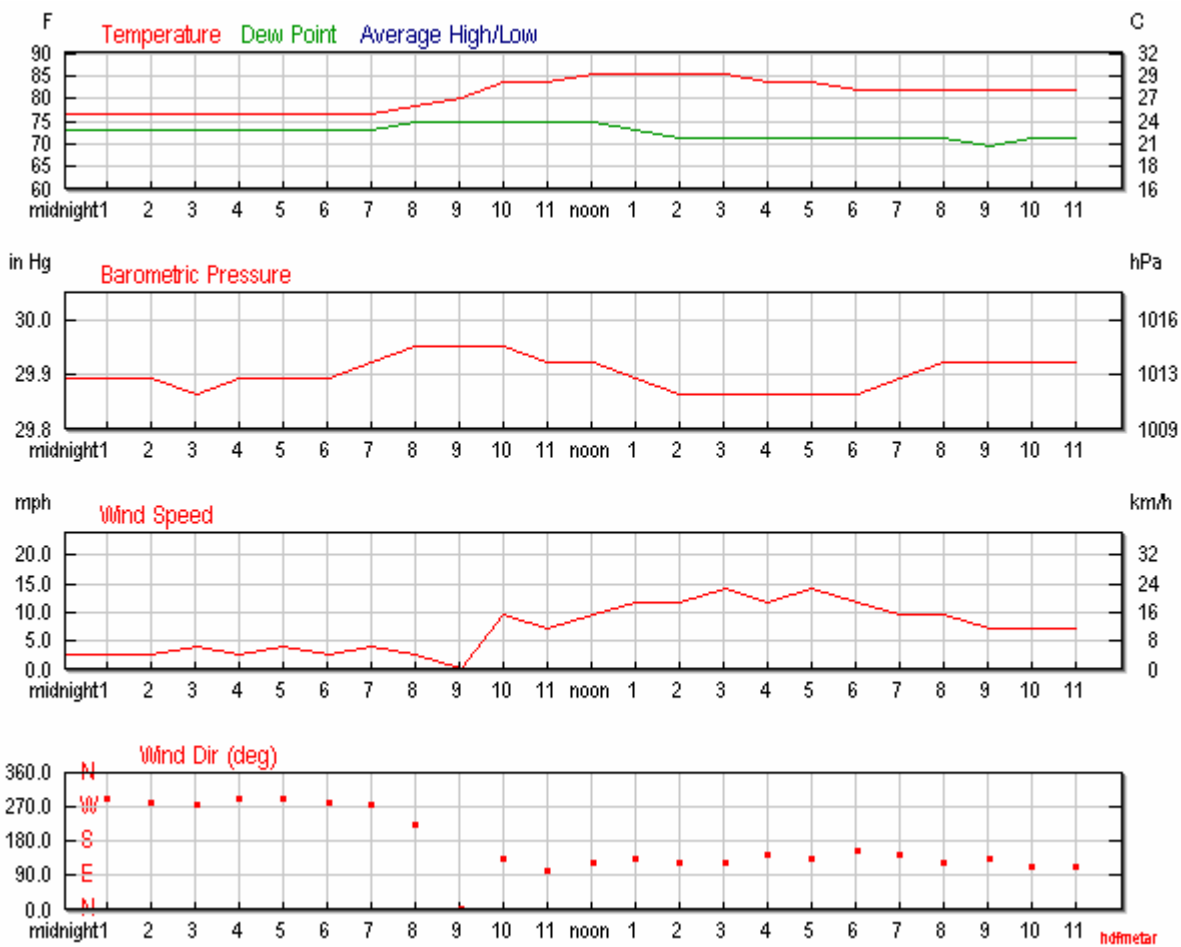
INJURY: Fatal. He sustained severe lacerations.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

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Boa Viagem Beach, Recife



Weather in Recife, Brazil, on Sunday March 24, 2002