

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 2002.12.01

**DATE:** Sunday December 1, 2002

**LOCATION:** The attack took place in the South Atlantic Ocean at Boa Viagem Beach in Recife, Pernambuco State, Brazil.

8.1°S, 34.8°W

**NAME:** Aylson Gadelha

**DESCRIPTION:** The surfer was a 19-year-old male.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** New Moon, December 4, 2002

**NARRATIVE:** Gadelha's friends said he was last seen standing on his surfboard before being pulled down into the water by the shark.

**INJURY:** Fatal. His body was recovered.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Not identified

**NOTE:** Surfing is prohibited at Boa Viagem Beach because of the high incidence of shark-related injuries and deaths.



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