

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** **GSAF 2005.01.20**

**DATE:** January 20, 2005

**LOCATION:** The attack took place in the Caribbean Sea at Uvero in southeastern Cuba, some 80 kilometers west of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.

*19°57'15"N, 76°36'22"W*

**NAME:** Hurdenis Jérez

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 19-year-old male.

### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, January 25, 2005

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Less than a metre.

**NARRATIVE:** Eyewitness accounts say that the incident took place in shallow water. Jérez managed to ride on top of the shark, allowing onlookers to harpoon the fish. Reports say that it was not until the shark was taken out of the water and on the beach that he chomped off Jérez's left foot. If true; then this is a 'provoked attack'.

**INJURY:** His left foot was severed by the shark.

**TREATMENT:** Jérez was taken to Santiago de Cuba's provincial hospital where he underwent emergency surgery. He is expected to make an uneventful recovery.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** The shark was reported to be three metres in length.

**SOURCE:** <http://www.radiohc.cu/ingles/noticias/ene2004/noticiascuba21ene.htm>



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