

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 2005.09.11

**DATE:** Sunday September 11, 2005

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Folly Beach, Charleston County, South Carolina, USA.

**NAME:** Greg Allen Norton, Jr.

**DESCRIPTION:** He was an 18-year-old male from Goose Creek.



**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, September 11, 2005

**SEA CONDITIONS:** Waves were three to four feet in height, and the incident took place at high tide.

**ENVIRONMENT:** At least two witnesses said sharks had been seen in the area at the time of his disappearance and speculated Norton might have been pulled under the water by one.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 200 feet

**TIME:** 14h00

**NARRATIVE:** Norton was there one moment and gone the next, witnesses said. Only his surfboard was seen floating on the water. Alton Wiggins, who was surfing Sunday at Folly Beach, said he spoke with a friend of Norton's who was nearby when Norton disappeared. "He said a surfer had been pulled under," he said, and that a shark was involved. "He said he saw him get hit and pulled under."

Another witness, Karla Winningham of Summerville, said sharks were spotted swimming in the area where Norton had been. "I saw the fins," she said.

**INJURY:** Presumed fatal. Norton's surfboard was recovered but it bore no signs of a shark bite, police said.

**SOURCE:** Post and Courier, September 12 and September 14, 2005

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