

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 2006.05.21

DATE: Sunday May 21, 2006

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

8.1°S, 34.8°W

NAME: Rogério Antônio de Carvalho

DESCRIPTION: He is a 23-year-old Brazilian male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: Scattered clouds, air temperature was 86°F, dew point 75.2°F, humidity 70% and the wind was from the south at 8.1 mph, sea level pressure was 29.95 inches [1014 hPa], and visibility was 6.2 miles.

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, 36% of the moon was illuminated.

ENVIRONMENT: Boa Viagem beach in Recife is one of the most famous urban beaches in Brazil. Boa Viagem beach is about seven kilometres in length and extends from the Pina in the north, to the beach of Piedade in the south. The beach is protected by a line of natural reefs, after which the city was named. When the tide lowers, many natural pools are formed all along the shore line. During low tide, you can walk on the top of the reefs, which are wide and flat enough (but slippery). Shark bites are a fairly common phenomenon off the beaches around Recife, where sharks like to feed past a large offshore coral reef. The area where the incident took place had been declared off-limits by authorities. There were ample signs warning surfers to keep away due to the frequent shark attacks.

TIME: 11h30

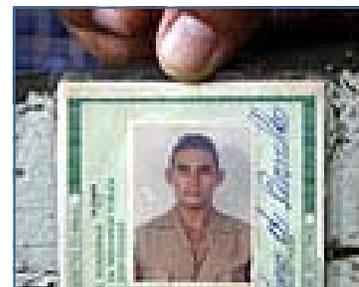
NARRATIVE: Carvalho, his girl friend 39-year-old Wilma Barbosa de Melo and her 18-year-old son arrived at the beach at 11h00. Carvalho went in the water while his Wilma and her son relaxed on the beach. Suddenly, they heard beachgoers cry out and saw blood where Carvalho had been moments before. Two men, Flávio Constantino Da Si and Ricardo Carneiro Leão, were the first to reach Carvalho and brought him ashore.

INJURY: The surfer's lateral left thigh and calf were bitten by the shark and he sustained substantial tissue loss.



Photo: Pernambuco Tourism Authority

Boa Viagem beach. The dark area is a line of reefs (in Portuguese, 'recifes') which rim the shore. As the tide goes out, natural swimming pools are formed.



FIRST AID: Carneiro used his shirt to stop blood loss and the surfer was transported to Hospital da Restauração by ambulance.

TREATMENT: The surfer's injuries were not considered life-threatening according to Gleison Sena of the Pernambuco State Fire Department. Hélder Correia, medical director of the hospital, concurred stating that while the patient's life was not in danger, nor was amputation necessary, there was always the risk of infection and he was being treated with antibiotics.

SPECIES: Not identified.

NOTE: Carvalho was the 48th person to be bitten by a shark in Pernambuco state since 1992. Seventeen of those incidents were fatal.

SOURCES: <http://www.pernambuco.com/diario/>,
Avisa Nordland, May 22, 2006,
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Mais uma pessoa é vítima de ataque de tubarão no Recife. Rogério Antônio de Cardoso, de 33 anos, foi atacado na manhã deste domingo (22), na praia de Boa Viagem, nas proximidades do Segundo Jardim.

Segundo o Grupamento de Bombeiros Marítimos, Rogério foi mordido na perna esquerda, na coxa e na panturrilha, e passará por uma cirurgia. A vítima foi socorrida e levada ao Hospital da Restauração (HR).

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Plus a person she is victim of attack of Tshark in Recife. Rogério Antonio de Cardoso, of 33 years, was attacked in the morning of this sunday (22), in the beach of Good Trip, the neighborhoods of As the Garden.

According to Grouping of Maritime Firemen, Rogério was bitten in the left leg, the thigh and panturrilha, and will pass for a surgery. The victim was helped and led to the Hospital of Restauração (HR).