

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming / body surfing

**CASE:** **GSFAF 2007.01.14**

**DATE:** Sunday January 14, 2007

**LOCATION:** The attack took place in the Indian Ocean at Second Beach, Port St. Johns, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa. 31°37,2'S, 29°33'E

**NAME:** Sibulele Masiza (or Msiza)

**DESCRIPTION:** He was a 24-year-old male from Mthumbane township in Port St Johns. A lifeguard, he had reportedly been attacked by a shark in 2004. Although he had scars on his legs, Jeremy Cliff of the Natal Sharks Board said they had no record of the 2004 incident, nor of two other alleged incidents at the beach in 1951 and 1954.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Crescent, 24% of the Moon's visible disk was illuminated. New Moon, January 19, 2007.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Port St. Johns has three beaches. The Second Beach, five kilometres east of the village centre, is rimmed by evergreen rainforest and wild banana trees.

**TIME:** Afternoon

**NARRATIVE:** No details. Masiza's torn swim fin washed ashore soon after he disappeared.

**INJURY:** Presumed fatal

**DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT:** The lifeguard's swim fin bore fine serrations, typical of those caused by cockscomb-shaped teeth.

**SPECIES:** According to Jeremy Cliff, the attack involved a tiger shark.

**SOURCE:** Malungelo Booi, January 16, 2007, Daily Dispatch, <http://www.dispatch.co.za/2007/01/16/Easterncape/cshark.html>

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