

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 2008.06.01.a

DATE: Sunday June 1, 2008

LOCATION: The attack took place in the South Atlantic Ocean at Piedade Beach, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil

NAME: Wellington Luan dos Santos

DESCRIPTION: He is a 14-year-old male. He may have been inebriated when he was bitten.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, June 3, 2008

ENVIRONMENT: The attack occurred in an area where there were warning signs that swimming was prohibited.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 20 to 30 metres

TIME: 15h00

NARRATIVE: Eleilton de Paula Nascimento, friend who was with Wellington, said he had ingested alcoholic beverage before entering in the sea, Wellington was alone in the water when the shark severed his right hand. As he was trying to swim to shore, the shark bit his buttocks.

INJURY: His right hand was severed by the shark. A large amount of tissue was removed from his buttocks, and there were numerous puncture marks on his posterior left thigh from teeth of the shark's lower jaw.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The Fire Department arrived ten minutes after the call. The teen was transported to Hospital da Aeronáutica, then transferred to Hospital of Restauração (HR) for surgery. He survived.

SPECIES: The wounds strongly suggest that a bull shark was involved in this attack.

SOURCES: Associated Press, Globo TV, JC Online June 2, 2008, *et. al*

