

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2011.05.29

DATE: Sunday May 29, 2011

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at Robberg Beach, on the Robberg Peninsula, Western Cape Province, South Africa.

NAME: Clinton Nelson

DESCRIPTION: He is a 33-year-old male from Kommetjie.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 11% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, June 1, 2011.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 30 metres

TIME: Afternoon

NARRATIVE: Clinton Nelson and 29-year-old Matthew Luckman were waiting for a wave at The Wreck, a popular surf spot, when the shark nudged Clinton's board three or four times. Both men caught a small wave to shore and reported the incident to sea rescue authorities.

INJURY: No injury

SPECIES: According to the two surfers, the incident involved a four- to five-metre white shark. Ray Farnham, NSRI Plettenberg Bay station commander, confirms that during recent NSRI Plettenberg Bay sea rescue operations a white shark was recently observed in the area.

SOURCE: Release issued by Craig Laminon, National Sea Rescue Institute, that appeared in The George Herald, Monday May 30, 2011, <http://www.georgeherald.com/news.aspx?id=6788>