

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2011.06.19.a](#)

DATE: Sunday June 19, 2011

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Playa Grande, Guanacaste, Costa Rica.

NAME: Kevin Moraga

DESCRIPTION: He was a 15-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 83% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, June 16, 2011.

TIME: 12h15



NARRATIVE: Kevin Moraga was surfing with five friends when his leg was bitten by a shark. His friends witnessed the attack, took him to the beach and used a surfboard as a stretcher.

INJURY: Fatal. He sustained a severe bite to his leg and died four days later.

TREATMENT: The boy was transported by ambulance to Hospital La Anexión on the Nicoya peninsula in Guanacaste but suffered cardiac arrest due to massive blood loss and slipped into a coma. On Wednesday, he was flown to the Hospital Mexico in San José for a neurological assessment. He died Thursday afternoon of cerebral edema.

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