



ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: [GSAF 2011.08.17.a](#)

DATE: Wednesday, August 17, 2011

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Sea of Japan in Telyakovsky Bay near the village of Vityaz, Khasan District, Primorsky Krai [Far East], Russia.

NAME: Denis Udoenko

DESCRIPTION: He is a 25-year-old computer programmer.

BACKGROUND

SEA CONDITIONS: "It should be noted that the water temperature in the Maritime Territory is now two to three degrees above normal at about 22.5°C plus," said Roman Vifand, Director Russian Hydrometeorological.

TIME: Evening



Denis Udoenko

NARRATIVE: Denis and his wife, Polina Udoenko, went out for an evening swim. They were aiming for a small rock formation known locally as Yearning Heart Island. "It was only about 300 feet away," Polina said, "About halfway there, Denis noticed something in the water and screamed, 'Swim faster, it's a shark.' He beat it on the nose, and it heaved him

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up and then down,” she said. “Then the shark threw him to the surface.” The pair were hauled in by boaters.

INJURY: Both arms were severed at the elbow.

TREATMENT: Khasan district hospital or Primorye Territory Regional Medical Center.

SPECIES: It was thought the accident involved a white shark.

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