

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2011.12.02

DATE: Thursday December 2, 2011

LOCATION: Broken Head near Taylors Lake, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Milton Cater

DESCRIPTON: He is a 63-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 46% of the Moon is Illuminated. First Quarter, December 3, 2011.

ENVIRONMENT: The incident took place at a river mouth. "It was a change-of-seasons kind of day," said Carter. "The water smelt odd – like a whale had thrown up – and was opaque and shiny. Dirty after all the rain," he said.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 40 to 50 metres

TIME: 06h00

NARRATIVE: Milton Cater was surfing with his son near the river mouth and had just hopped back on his board after cleaning some wax from its underside when it was struck with massive force. He said he guessed the shark had been aiming to give him "a nudge", but missed when he jumped back onto his board, and hit the underside with its dorsal fin. He shouted a warning to his son and paddled to shore.

INJURY: The surfer sustained a torn shoulder ligament from the force of the collision.

SPECIES: It is thought the shark that collided with the surfer may have been a bronze whaler or a bull shark.

SOURCE: Northern Star, December 3, 2011

<http://www.northernstar.com.au/story/2011/12/03/veteran-surfers-brush-with-shark-shark-attacks-sur/>

