

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: [GSAF 2015.02.14](#)

DATE: Saturday February 14, 2015

LOCATION: The attack took place in the Indian Ocean at Etang-Salé, Reunion Island.

NAME: Talon Bishop

DESCRIPTION: She was a 22-year-old female.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 18h30, Saint. Pierre recorded air temperature of 80.6°F, dew point 71.6°F, humidity 74%, sea level pressure 29.80 inches (rising) and wind direction was SE at 15 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 28% of the Moon was visible. Last Quarter, February 12, 2015. New Moon, February 19, 2015.

ENVIRONMENT: Swimming is prohibited in the area. This attack occurred at the same beach where Tanguy Gicquel (GSAF 2013.10.26) was attacked. The beach and seafloor is composed of black sand, making it difficult to observe a shark from the surface.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Two to three metres

DEPTH: Waist-deep

TIME: 18h30 (Civil Twilight at 19h18)

NARRATIVE: Talon Bishop was in the water with her boyfriend when the shark grabbed her by the leg. The shark tried to drag her beneath the surface, but she fought the fish until it released its hold.

INJURY: Fatal. She was severely bitten on the calf and buttocks.

FIRST AID: She was brought back on the beach by witnesses who provided first aid until help arrived. When SDIS and EMS arrived on the beach she was in cardiac arrest. They attempted to stabilize the patient, then transported her in critical condition to the University Hospital of Saint-Pierre. She died in the operating room that evening.

SPECIES: On autopsy, Dr. Gery Vangrevelinghe, a shark expert and physician, determined the attack involved a tiger shark approximately 3.5 metres [11.5-feet] in length. Attempts were made to catch the shark. Two tiger sharks and three bull sharks were caught in the



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vicinity, but authorities were unable to determine which, if any, of the sharks were responsible for the attack on Talon Bishop.

SOURCES: L'Yonne Républicaine, February 14, 2015

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Mourners on the black sand beach where Talon Bishop was killed. The attack took place in water darkened by dusk, and it would have very difficult for the girl to see a counter-shaded shark (dark back, pale below), swimming over the black sand until it grabbed her.