



ACTIVITY: Body boarding
CASE: [GSAF 2015.06.27.a](#)
DATE: Saturday June 27, 2015
LOCATION: Buffels Bay near Knysna, Western Cape Province, South Africa.

NAME: Caleb Swanepoel
DESCRIPTION: He is a 19-year-old male, a student at the University of Cape Town.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 77% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, June 21, 2015. Full Moon, July 2, 2015.

TIME: 14h30



Caleb Swanepoel

NARRATIVE: Caleb Swanepoel was on holiday with his family. He was in the water with two of his brothers when he was attacked by the shark. Knysna Trip Out Surf School owner Donavon Smith said some of the instructors raised the alarm after they spotted Swanepoel and two surfers “splashing hectically” Smith said the apparently circled the three surfers twice before attacking. His brothers, fellow body boarders and surfers brought him to shore.

INJURY: Right leg severed above the knee by the shark and multiple lacerations to left leg.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: A local doctor, Dr Dee Richmond, happened to be on the scene at the time of the incident, and she immediately began emergency treatment while waiting for medics to arrive.

The patient was conscious and stable, but in serious condition. He was transferred into a waiting ambulance by surfboard where he was further stabilised. As soon as his vital signs were OK, the patient was air-lifted to George Medi-Clinic by helicopter, where he underwent complete surgical amputation of his right leg.

SPECIES: White shark, two to three metres in length.

SOURCES: National Sea Rescue Institute

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