ACTIVITY: Swimming  
CASE: GSAF 1972.01.01.c / SA-216  
DATE: Saturday January 1, 1972  
LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at St. George’s Strand, 12 kilometres from Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

NAME: Jacob Nkomo  
DESCRIPTION: He was a 20-year-old black male.

BACKGROUND  
MOON PHASE: Full Moon, December 31, 1971  
SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was rough; at least 21 swimmers drowned that week in the eastern Cape.

NARRATIVE: Jacob Nkomo, was swimming with his brother when they were hit by a strong wave and Nkomo disappeared.

INJURY: Fatal. Nkomo’s body was recovered soon after he disappeared. A post-mortem examination was performed on January 3, 1972 by Dr Kock but the body had been so badly mutilated by a shark/s that the exact cause of death could not be determined. The verdict of “death presumably by drowning and shark attack” was recorded in the Port Elizabeth Magistrate’s Court on August 8, 1972.

SPECIES: Not identified.

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