

ACTIVITY: Boogie-boarding

CASE: GSAF 2003.09.12

DATE: Friday September 12, 2003

LOCATION: The attack occurred at Dunes, a popular surfing spot at Noordhoek near the wreck of the *Kakapo* in the Western Cape Province, South Africa.

34°6'S, 8°22'E

NAME: David Bornman

DESCRIPTION: The boogie-boarder, a 19-year-old male, was wearing a black wetsuit and fins and was using a black board.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning gibbous, 97% of the Moon's visible disk was illuminated. Full Moon, September 10, 2003.

ENVIRONMENT:

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 30 metres

TIME: 14h30

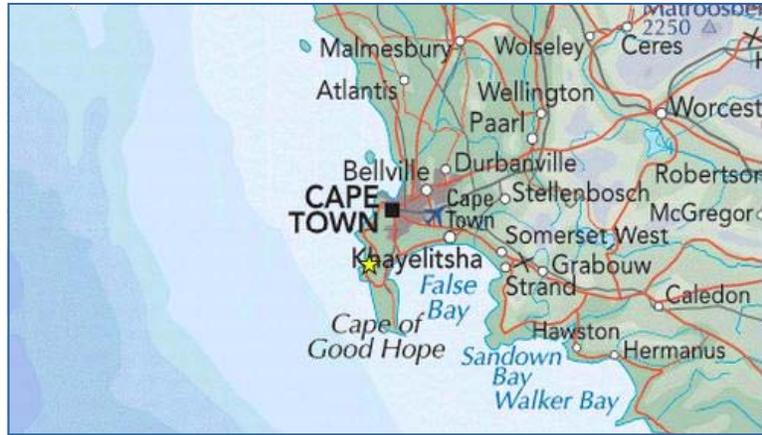
NARRATIVE: David and five friends were surfing the midbreak. Peter Whale and Brent Mills were in the water about 50 metres from the beach when the shark struck. Whale said he heard a loud splash even though there were no sets of waves coming through. "I looked across and saw [David] in the shark's mouth. It was the biggest shark I've ever seen in my life. It took him under, then came up and just tossed him and then disappeared."

Whale shouted a warning, and surfers started paddling toward the beach. Mills said he saw Bornman catch a wave towards shore, "but the water around him turned red; the whole wave was just blood." He paddled to the stricken teenager, who told him he couldn't breathe. "I told him he still had his legs but I could tell the bite was bad."

INJURY: The body-boarder sustained a single bite on his left torso that extended from just below his rib cage and included most of his buttock.

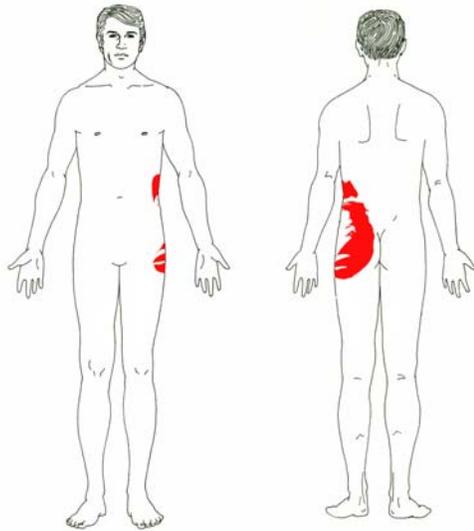
EQUIPMENT: The bodyboard was "ripped to pieces", according to a press report.

FIRST AID: Whale, a trained rescue diver, performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation for 30 minutes, but Skymed flight paramedic Andre Jooste said Bornman would have lost his entire blood volume within two minutes. "There was no way he could have survived," said



SOURCE: http://www.wavescape.co.za/top_bar/locals_only9.htm

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David Bornman with his dog, Tammy, in a photo taken two years previously