

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 2006.03.22

DATE: Wednesday March 22, 2006

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean off West Beach, Port Alfred, South Africa. 33.6°S, 26.9°E

NAME: Lorenzo Krutz

DESCRIPTION: He was a 17-year-old male from Philipstown. He had been attending the Grahamstown sci-fi festival with other pupils from Colesberg High School.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 54% of the Moon's visible disk was illuminated.

SEA CONDITIONS: There were rip currents in the area.

TIME: Afternoon

NARRATIVE: Lorenzo was swimming with friends when a rip current swept the teen out to sea. Members of the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) Port Alfred, the police service and Ndlambe Environmental Conservation searched for Lorenzo until late at night. Patrols looked for him at intervals on Thursday until his body washed up on the beach during the afternoon. According to NSRI spokesperson Craig Lambinon, Lorenzo's body was bitten, and the bite marks appeared to be those of a shark.

An autopsy was scheduled to determine whether Lorenzo had drowned before being bitten and what species of shark was involved.

SOURCE: Leanne Raymond, Cape Times, March 24, 2006, page 3.