

ACTIVITY: Standing

CASE: GSAF 2010.01.12

DATE: Tuesday January 12, 2010

LOCATION: The attack took place in False Bay at Fish Hoek, Western Cape Province, South Africa.

NAME: Lloyd Skinner

DESCRIPTION: He was a 37-year-old male. He was a Zimbabwean citizen who had been working in mining in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He was spending a month in South Africa with his partner before leaving for the UK.



Lloyd Skinner

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The sky was overcast.

MOON PHASE: New Moon, January 15, 2010

SEA CONDITIONS: Underwater visibility was poor.

ENVIRONMENT: The shark flag was not flying, although hours earlier there had been a warning that sharks were in the area.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 100 metres

DEPTH OF WATER: Chest-deep

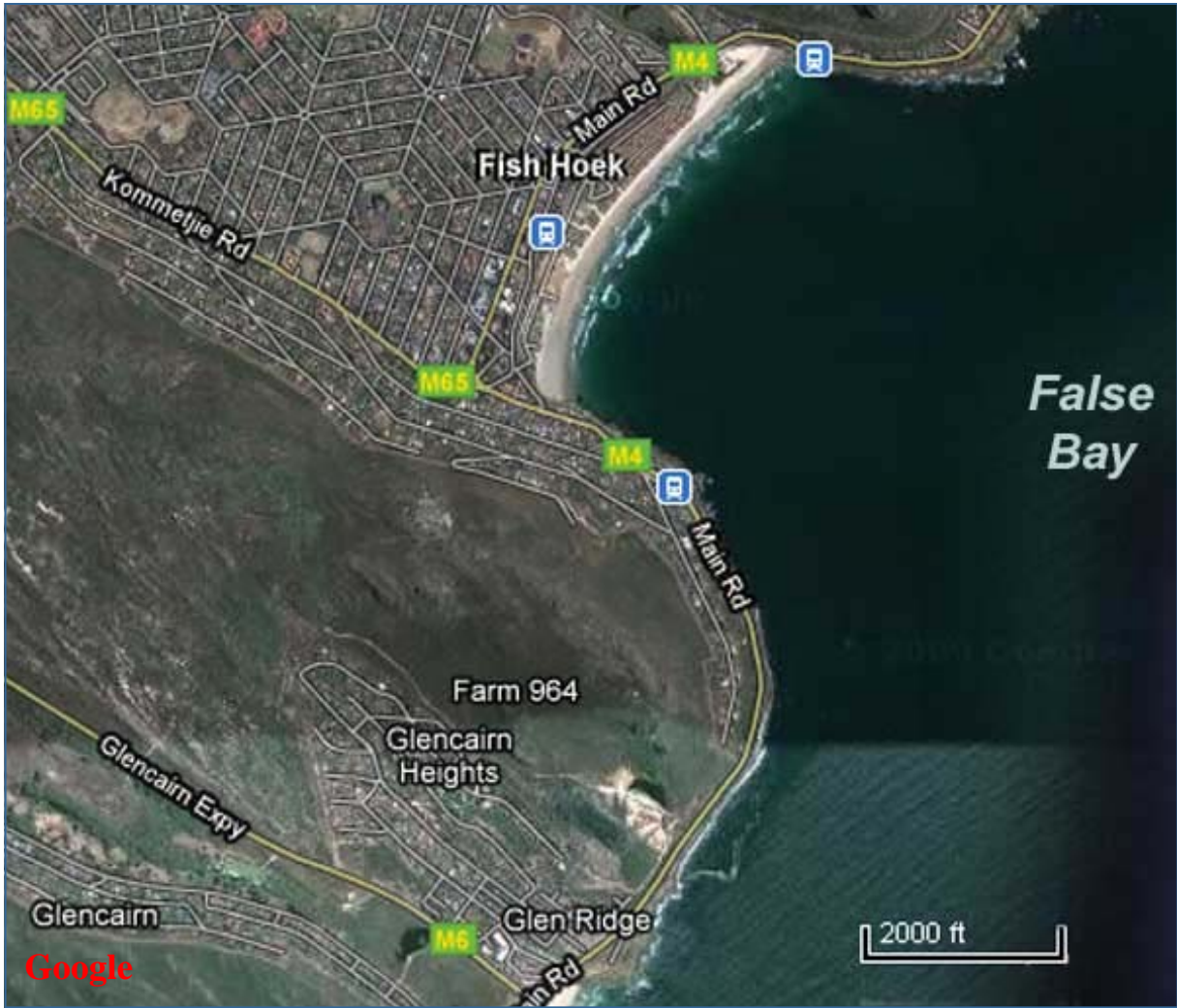
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NARRATIVE: There were about 30 people in the water, including Lloyd Skinner. Debra Paine, his girlfriend, was on the beach. Skinner was standing in the water, adjusting his goggles, when he was killed by a shark. According to Ian Klopper of the NSRI and helicopter rescue, the shark made at least three passes. After the first hit Mr. Skinner put up his arms and waved. The shark then made a second pass and dragged him below the surface. A short while later the shark made a final pass of the area.

The beach was immediately closed. Craft from the National Sea Rescue Institute, a dinghy from Western Province Lifesaving, a helicopter and about 15 lifeguards combed sea, air and land in search of the victim.

INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES: The attack was thought to involve a white shark.



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Photo taken from Fish Hoek mountain as the emergency vehicles arrive



NSRI Rescue searching for a trace of Mr. Skinner