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A brush with death

Fifteen years ago, she came nose to nose with a shark in Mexico. Her blood turned the water bright red. Then she fought back

GIOVANNI CAPRIOTTI FOR THE TORONTO STAR

Nicole Moore, a nurse in Orangeville, had her left arm amputated after she was attacked by a bull shark on a beach in Cancun.

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She didn't realize what had happened, not right away.

It was the calm ocean water turning bright red that told her something was deeply wrong.

A bull shark had clamped its jaw around her left leg, the bite causing her muscles to flake away from the bone.

Like butter, she said.

It was while lying on the sandy

Cancun beach, bleeding out from her arm and leg, eventually losing 60 per cent of her blood volume, that Nicole Moore came closest to death.

The feeling, she recounts 15 years later, was one of a warm, white light.

"Some people say it's very comforting ... and I get that now," she told the Star recently. "But when that was happening for me, I went, 'Oh, hell no. I have children. This can't happen. I won't let my children lose their mother this way.'"

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Sherman fortune court battle looms

Fight among siblings could thrust finances into public view

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A dispute has broken out over who should manage \$2 billion of assets left behind by murdered business tycoon Barry Sherman.

On one side is his son Jonathon and his nominee on the board of the Sherman family trust, Toronto lawyer Michael Woollcombe.

On the other is Jonathon's sister Alexandra, along with her former husband, and a money manager Barry trusted for years to handle the fortune he built up as founder of generic drug giant Apotex.

Woollcombe, Jonathon's nominee, is asking Ontario's Superior Court to make changes in the oversight of the Sherman fortune that he says are needed to protect those assets. Meanwhile, Jonathon has asked the court in a separate action to remove two Sherman board members he has accused of breach of trust. Those two board members are also executives of Barry's holding companies, hand-picked by Barry before he and his wife, Honey, were murdered in 2017.

Unless a settlement is reached before May 25, the financial affairs and squabbles of the notoriously secretive family will be aired in a Toronto courtroom for the first time.

Justice Sean Dunphy, the judge who will preside over the case, has dealt with the Sherman family before. Back in 2018, when the Sherman estate was going through probate, he agreed to their request to seal the entire file from public view.

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