

ACTIVITY: Fishing
CASE: [GSAF 1971.09.05](#)
DATE: Sunday September 5, 1971
LOCATION: Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

NAME: Leslie Oswald Harris
DESCRIPTION: He was a 52-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, September 5, 1971 at 13h33

NARRATIVE: A small shark leaped into his boat and bit his shoulder.

INJURY: The shark bite was not a serious injury, but after rescuers brought him to shore he suffered three myocardial infarctions and died six hours after being bitten by the shark.

SPECIES: Not identified.

SOURCES: he Times-News, Monday September 6, 1971, page 2; The San Antonio Light, Monday September 6, 1971; Adelaide Advertiser September 7, 1971, page 10, John West

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Phil Kemp, Global Shark Accident File.

Shark Bite Shock Fatal

ADELAIDE, Australia (UPI) —A 52-year-old fisherman died of a heart attack Sunday after a small shark leaped into his boat and bit his shoulder, hospital officials said.

They identified the fisherman as Leslie Harris, who suffered three consecutive heart attacks after rescuers got him to shore. Harris died from the third seizure, six hours after the shark bite, hospital authorities said.

DIES AFTER SHARKBITE

ADELAIDE, Australia (UPI) —A 52-year-old fisherman died of a heart attack Sunday after a small shark leaped into his boat and bit his shoulder, hospital officials said.

They identified the fisherman as Leslie Harris, who suffered three consecutive heart attacks after rescuers got him to shore. Harris died from the third seizure, six hours after the shark bite, hospital authorities said.