

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** GSAF 1950.07.10

**DATE:** Monday July 10, 1950

**LOCATION:** The accident took place in the Gulf of Mexico near Port Arthur, Jefferson County, Texas, USA.

**NAME:** Mark Majors III

**DESCRIPTION:** He was an 11-year-old male from Port Arthur, Texas.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Third Quarter, July 6, 1950.

**NARRATIVE:** No details.

**INJURY:** "Severe gash in the leg".

**TREATMENT:** The injury was repaired with nine stitches.

**SPECIES:** It was thought the incident involved a hammerhead shark.

**SOURCES:** Amarillo Daily News (Amarillo, Texas), Wednesday July 12, 1950; Lubbock Morning Avalanche, July 12, 1950, page 13

## Port Arthur Child Bitten by Shark

PORT ARTHUR, July 11 (AP)—Physicians treating an 11-year-old Port Arthur boy said today he appeared to have been attacked by a hammer-head shark.

The boy, Mark Majors III, was swimming off Gulf Beach near here yesterday when he suffered a severe gash in the leg. Fellow swimmers rescued him and said they believed a shark attacked the lad. Nine stitches were needed to close the wound.