



ACTIVITY: Standing
CASE: [GSAF 1980.07.23](#)
DATE: Wednesday July 23, 1980
LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware, USA.

NAME: Phyllis Riley
DESCRIPTION: She is a 22-year-old female from Wilmington, Delaware.

BACKGROUND
MOON PHASE: First Quarter, July 20, 1980
DEPTH OF WATER: Four feet
TIME: Afternoon

NARRATIVE: "She was standing in the water when a shark grabbed her bathing suit and pulled her about 10 feet before letting go."

INJURY: No injury

SPECIES: Not identified. According to eyewitnesses, the shark was between four and eight feet in length.

SOURCE: Washington Post, July 24, 1980, page C8

Woman Escapes From a Shark

DEWEY BEACH, Del., July 23 (AP)—A 22-year-old woman escaped unharmed when she was dragged about 10 feet by a shark while swimming at a beach in this Delaware resort community, state police said.

Phyllis Riley of Wilmington told police she was standing in four feet of water off the yesterday afternoon when a shark grabbed her bathing suit and pulled her about 10 feet before letting go.

Eyewitnesses told police the shark was between four and eight feet long.

