

ACTIVITY: Diving for abalone

CASE: **GSAF 1983.12.24**

DATE: December 24, 1983

LOCATION: Dangerous Reef, South Neptune Island, South Australia.

NAME: Neil Williams

DESCRIPTION: A 48-year-old male.

NARRATIVE: “The shark opened its mouth as if it wanted to eat me, so I shoved the half-full bag of abs right into its mouth. It was bloody lucky,” explained Neil Williams. The shark chomped down on the mesh bag, lacerating William’s fingers. Evidently finding a bag of rock-hard shells not to its liking, the shark turned and swam away, leaving Williams crouched on the bottom, holding his bleeding hand. As he watched the shark circle around him, he held one hand tightly with the other. His main fear was that the shark might bite through his air hose. When the shark disappeared, he swam to the surface and boarded his boat.

INJURY: The diver’s fingers were severely lacerated.

SPECIES: The incident involved a white shark about 12 feet in length.

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