

ACTIVITY: Scuba diving

CASE: **GSF 1991.03.03**

DATE: Sunday March 3, 1991

LOCATION: Bass Point, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: John Puljak

DESCRIPTION: He is an 18-year-old male from Sydney.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, March 1, 1991

NARRATIVE: John Puljak as attempting to follow the shark, when it turned and bit his leg, then his arm.



Bass Point

Despite his injuries, he remained a strong advocate for shark protection. In 2008, he slammed the State Government's use of shark nets along the NSW coast, saying they were responsible for unnecessary slaughter of hundreds of sharks and marine animals each year. "I think the shark nets are a complete waste of time because of the carnage that they create - it's just not worth it," he said.

INJURY: Lacerations to hand, arm and leg.

SPECIES: A grey nurse shark, two metres in length.

SOURCES: Sunday Advertiser, March 5, 1991, page 2; Illawarra Mercury, September 9, 2008, page 10