

CASE: GSAF 1991.04.16.b

DATE: Tuesday April 16, 1991

LOCATION: The incident took place in the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: He is a senior aquarist.

BACKGROUND

TIME: 09h55

NARRATIVE: The shark had been treated for a parasitic infection in a freshwater tank and was being returned to the salt water tank. The aquarist, in diving gear, was swimming alongside the shark to ease it safely out of its sling when she turned and bit him.

INJURY: The man sustained minor cuts and puncture wounds that required stitches.

SPECIES: The incident involved a female seven-foot shark.

SOURCES: Baltimore Sun, April 19, 1991; The Washington Post, April 20, 1991

NOTE: This is considered a provoked incident; it involved a captive shark.



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