



ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: [GSAF 1998.09.16.R](#)

DATE: Reported Wednesday, September 16, 1998

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Kowie River, about one kilometre from the mouth of the river. The Kowie River lies in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa.

NAME: Grant Rielly

BACKGROUND

WATER CONDITIONS: The water was murky.

ENVIRONMENT: Port Alfred straddles the mouth of the Kowie River. The river mouth is always open. The river supports rich prawn beds and diverse fish life and anglers have caught raggedtooth sharks ten kilometres up the river.

DEPTH OF WATER: Two feet

TIME: The sun was setting.

NARRATIVE: The fisherman entered the water to wash bait off his hands before packing up. "I felt my foot jerked forward followed by a severe pain," said Rielly.

INJURY: Laceration to dorsum of right foot that severed two tendons.

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FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Mr Rielly struggled to his nearby home from where he was rushed to Port Alfred Hospital. "The doctor who treated me said it resembled a shark bite," said Rielly.

SPECIES: "I saw absolutely nothing so it's difficult to speculate," said Rielly.

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<http://www.dispatch.co.za/1998/09/16/easterncape/SHARK.HTM>