



**ACTIVITY:** Spearfishing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2015.06.19](#)

**DATE:** Friday June 19, 2015

**LOCATION:** Off Cabo Rojo, Boqueron Bay, on the southwest coast of Puerto Rico.

**NAME:** Benjamin Santiago Rios

**DESCRIPTION:** A 36-year-old male.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 11 nautical miles

**TIME:** Morning

**NARRATIVE:** A spokesman for the United Forces of Rapid Action (FURA) reported that the Benjamin Santiago Rios was diving with another passenger. As Rios was transferring fish from his

bag to the boat, the shark attempted to grab his bag. His companion, 28-year-old Jonathan Luciano Padilla, managed to shoot the shark with a harpoon (spear?).

**INJURY:** The patient sustained open wound to his left hand, lacerations to the left wrist and an abrasion to the abdomen.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** Authorities were alerted about the incident at noon through the



hotline 9-1-1 and agents of the Maritime Unit Boqueron transported the patient to the bay of Puerto Real and arranged transfer to the Emergency Room of Mayagüez Medical Center for treatment.

**SPECIES:** The incident involved a large lemon shark.

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