

ACTIVITY: Surf fishing
CASE: GSAF 2016.03.03.R
DATE: Reported March 3, 2016
LOCATION: Wrights Bay Beach, South Australia

NAME: Lee Taplin
DESCRIPTION: A male from Kingston



BACKGROUND

DEPTH OF WATER: Shallow
TIME: Just before midnight

NARRATIVE: Lee Taplin had been fishing alone for six hours when he hooked a stingray. As he was hauling the ray to the beach, a bronze whaler started feeding on the ray. As Taplin was attempting to release the ray, the shark seized his right calf. I got grabbed from behind just right here in the shallows,” said Mr Taplin. “I just sort of hit him from behind because he got me from behind by surprise in the dark, and like the first reaction is you trying to slap it or punch it away.” Mr Taplin struck out at the shark until it released him.

INJURY: Puncture wounds and shallow lacerations to right calf.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Taplin drove himself to a hospital where the injury was repaired with 30 stitches.

SPECIES: Bronze whaler

SOURCE: 9 News, March 3, 2016
<http://www.9news.com.au/national/2016/03/03/18/30/south-australian-fisherman-recalls-terrifying-brush-with-bronze-whaler-shark>



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