ACTIVITY: Diving for crayfish
CASE: GSAF 2016.06.05.a
DATE: Sunday June 5, 2016
LOCATION: The attack took place in the Indian Ocean off Mindarie, an outer coastal suburb of Perth, Western Australia.

NAME: Doreen Collyer
DESCRIPTION: A 60-year-old female, the Director of Postgraduate Studies and a lecturer with the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Edith Cowan University in Perth. Described as a "phenomenal diver", she held Advanced Open Water certification and often dived four times a week during summer.

BACKGROUND
WEATHER: At 11h00, Mindari recorded a partly cloudy sky and the air temperature was 64°F. At 11h30, Perth International Airport recorded clear skies, air temperature of 58°F, dew point 32.8°F, humidity 55%, sea level pressure 30.02 inches (falling), and wind direction was NE at 8.1 mph.
MOON PHASE: New Moon, 0% of the Moon was illuminated.
SEA CONDITIONS: The sea surface temperature was 68°F. At Two Rocks Marina 63 km north of Perth mean high tide occurred at 09h06
ENVIRONMENT: Fishing boats were operating in the area at the time of the attack. Surf Life Saving WA had tweeted a shark sighting at 11h30, saying there was a public report of an unknown species of shark at Mindarie Beach one kilometre offshore. About two hours later, they tweeted that a 4.5 metre white shark was spotted 300 metres offshore from Mindarie Marina.
DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Two kilometres, between One- and Three-Mile Reefs.
TIME: 11h30

Mindarie is 115 km north of Falcon Beach where Ben Gerring was fatally attacked by a shark six days earlier.

Doreen Collyer

NARRATIVE: Doreen Collyer was diving with a 43-year-old man by the name of John. The pair regularly dived together and had previously dived the reef a dozen times. John was underwater when he felt something go past him and he turned around. Although he didn't see the shark he ascended to the surface. When he surfaced, he saw a commotion in the water and realized Mrs. Collyer had been attacked by a shark.

Another boat with three fishermen witnessed the attack. They saw the shark and did their

best to position themselves between the shark and Mrs. Collyer and observed that she had sustained severe and fatal injuries. The fishermen later told police the shark was bigger than their 5.3 metre (18-foot) boat.

Then the fishermen maneuvered their boat between John and the shark, enabling him to get back into his own boat (described as a small private vessel). John lifted Mrs. Collyer on board and tried to comfort her. He alerted emergency services at 11h37 and brought her body back to shore. Police were notified of the accident at 11h50. A St John Ambulance spokesman said the woman was dead when they arrived at the boat ramp off Alexandria Drive. Paramedics transported her body to Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in Nedlands.

Beaches were closed on either side of Mindarie boat ramp, south from Claytons Beach and Surf Spot and north to Quinns Beach. The City of Wanneroo warned people to stay out of the water in the Mindarie area until further notice.

INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES: A white shark in excess of three metres in length. Less than four hours after the attack a State Government order was issued to capture the shark. Drum lines were set off Mindarie the same afternoon. The lines were taken up at dusk and three baited drum lines were deployed again at sunrise on Monday. According a press report in Perth Now, University of Sydney lecturer Chris Neff said every fatal shark attack in Western Australia occurred in sea temperatures ranging between 18° and 20°C (64.4° and 68°F) .

On Monday, video footage emerged of a large shark, taken from a fishing boat 90 minutes after the attack just 400 metres off Mindari Marina – raising suspicions it may have been the same shark which attacked Mrs. Collyer. The footage shows a large fin and a voice can be heard saying: "That was huge!"

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