

ACTIVITY: Spearfishing
CASE: [GSAF 2016.06.15.a](#)
DATE: Wednesday June 15, 2016
LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at Coral Bay, Western Australia.

NAME: Brad Vale
DESCRIPTION: A 19-year-old male from Albany.

BACKGROUND

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Four kilometres

NARRATIVE: Brad Vale was spearfishing with friends. While he was searching for fish, the shark began to circle him, then swam towards him. Vale made a defensive poke at the shark. "I got to the surface and was going to shoot [the shark] but I didn't even have time to do that. He sort of latched on to my stomach and I tried to hit it with my gun in my hand but he let go pretty quick."

INJURY: No injury, but Vale's wetsuit was punctured.

SPECIES: A five-foot shark. Vale posted a video of the encounter on YouTube and his Facebook page.

SOURCES: Perth Now, June 16, 2016
<http://www.perthnow.com.au/news/western-australia/sharks/wa-spear-fisherman-jumped-by-angry-shark-off-coral-bay-coast/news-story/218d2c59174a936e9d1f008b43fca026>

Ninemsn, June 16, 2014
<http://www.9news.com.au/national/2016/06/16/14/26/wa-teen-spearfisherman-fights-off-shark>
YouTube

NOTE: This was a provoked incident. The shark became aggressive only after the spearfisherman poked it.



Brad Vale

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