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Skindiver killed, Paul Owen, Aged 16

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SKINDIVER KILLED

A 16-year-old youth was killed on Sunday when a shark gun accidentally fired at Mornington.

Police said that Paul Owens, of Mellor St., was standing close to Mr. J. Reed, of Shelley St., East Keilor, who was dismantling the gun on the pier. It had been partly dismantled when it fired, sending a bullet through Reed's hand into Owen's chest.

The accident happened when another skindiver, Robert Maskell, of Cowper St., Footscray, handed his gun over to Reed after it had failed to detonate in the water.

All three skindivers belonged to the Footscray Skin Diving Club, which had planned the outing to Mornington.