

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

**CASE:** [GSAF 1922.04.25](#)

**DATE:** Friday April 25, 1924

**LOCATION:** The incident took place at Kiama, New South Wales, Australia.

**NAME:** Ernest Conroy

**DESCRIPTION:** He was a 20-year-old male.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Third Quarter, April 26, 1924

**TIME:** Afternoon

**NARRATIVE:** He was fishing with a friend off rocks in a channel near a blowhole when he fell into the water. A companion threw him a line, but he, apparently in no danger of drowning, turned to swim to an easier landing place. His companion walked to the spot, but although less than a minute had elapsed, there was no sign of Conroy. He was swimming so strongly and confidently a moment before that it was thought that he must have been attacked by a shark. Some of his remains found later supported this view.

**INJURY:** Fatal. Presumed taken by a shark.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Not identified.

**SOURCES:** Argus (Melbourne), Monday April 28, 1924, page 13; Victor M. Coppleson (1933); G.P. Whitley.



### **FISHERMAN'S FATE.**

#### **Attacked by Shark.**

**SYDNEY, Sunday.**—Ernest Conroy, aged 20 years, of Devonshire street, Kiama (N.S.W.) met his death in circumstances which point to the practical certainty that he was taken by a shark on Friday afternoon.

With a friend Conroy was fishing off the rocks in a channel which leads up to a blowhole at Kiama. He either slipped or was washed into the water. He called to his companion, who threw him a line, but was apparently in no danger of drowning and turned to swim to an easier landing place. His companion walked round to the place where he thought that Conroy would land, but, although less than a minute had elapsed, there was no sign of him. It is feared that he was attacked by a shark, as portion of his dismembered body was found to-day.