

ACTIVITY: Unknown
CASE: [GSAF 1929.12.03.R](#)
DATE: Reported December 3, 1929
LOCATION: Townsville, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Unknown
DESCRIPTION: He was a male, about 50 years of age.

NARRATIVE: See press clipping.

INJURY: Fatal. "Postmortem examination revealed that death was due to shock and shark bite."

SOURCE: The Brisbane Courier, Wednesday December 4, 1929, page 17

SHARK TRAGEDY

GRUESOME DISCOVERY.

BODY HORRIBLY MUTILATED.

TOWNSVILLE, December 3.

Floating in with the tide, horribly mauled and naked, except for a pair of black boots and socks, the body of an unknown man was noticed by Mr. Joseph Dufficey, about 8 o'clock this morning. He immediately notified a police party, and the body was recovered. An inspection revealed that the right arm was missing, and only the bone of the left arm remained. The whole of the flesh had been removed from the right hip, thigh, and leg, but the foot remained intact. There was a large gash on the right thigh, and the whole of the chest and abdomen had been torn away. The body was conveyed to the morgue, where a post-mortem examination revealed that death was due to shock and shark bite. The body, which had been in the water for about 48 hours, has not been identified. It appeared to be that of a man 50 years of age, 6ft. high, strongly built, short ginger moustache, grey hair, and fair complexion, and the head was not marked in any way. The police think it possible that the clothes were ripped from the body by a large shark.