

CASE: GSAF 1915.00.00

DATE: 1915

LOCATION: Near Soldier Key, 12 miles from Miami, Florida, USA.

25°30'N, 80°10'W

NARRATIVE: “A skull, a right shoulder blade, a left thigh bone, an upper arm bone, and one finger bone were found this morning in the stomach of a 12-foot shark captured by Henry Sanford of New York and Richfield, Connecticut near Soldier Key 12 miles from Miami. Nine other sharks were caught by Sanford at the same time. The shape of the skull and the size of the bones indicate that the shark’s victim was a white man. From the condition of the bones it is believed they had been in the shark’s stomach for months.”



Soldier Key

“The shark was cut open at the Royal Palm Hotel Pier. It was the first man-eating shark ever found on the South Florida coast.”

SPECIES: Not recorded

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