

ACTIVITY: Unknown

CASE: GSAF 1980.12.26 / SA-0395

DATE: Body recovered on Friday evening December 26, 1980

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

NAME: Unidentified male

NARRATIVE: The identity of the man whose body was recovered Port Elizabeth police reserve divers (Dave Allen, Gerrie van Niekerk and Mike Klee) was never established. The body was found on Friday evening December 26, 1980, in a dolosse at Deal Party and was thought to be one of two fishermen that had been reported missing in the vicinity.

INJURY: Probable scavenging by shark/s

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Sharks may have bitten body found in the sea

HERALD REPORTER

THE badly mutilated body of a man, thought to have been savaged by sharks, was taken from the sea off Deal Party, Port Elizabeth, by divers on Friday night.

A police reserve diver, Mr Dave Allen, said he and two other divers, Mr Mike Klee and Mr Jerry van Niekerk, were alerted by the National Sea Rescue Institute at 8pm on Friday night that a body had been sighted in the surf off the dolosse.

They found the body in the dolosse.

Mr Allen said that although it was known there were

many sharks in the area, it was difficult to say whether the body had in fact been savaged by sharks. "But the wounds were very similar to those I've seen inflicted by sharks on seals," he said.

Marine biologists at the Port Elizabeth Museum would try and establish the cause of the lacerations today, he said.

A spokesman for the police diving unit said an autopsy on the body would probably be conducted today.

Detective-Sergeant J Waterson, of the Railways Police, said two coloured men had been reported missing in the vicinity of the dolosse.