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# **Bone, Thought To Be Human, Found Inside Shark In S. Fla.**

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**POMPANO BEACH, Fla** -- A fishing boat charter captain made a gruesome discovery while gutting a 9-foot long shark: a bone inside the predator's belly.

Broward County Sheriff's deputies said the captain thought the bone was human and called police. However, the six-inch bone turned out not to be human.

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Captain Mark Quartiano -- who is known locally as "Mark the Shark" -- was gutting the fish Friday morning; a client had caught the 400-pound male bull shark the day before off the coast of Key Biscayne.

Mark said finding what he thought was a human bone was very scary.

"It's kind of weird," he said. "I've cut thousands and thousands of sharks open and never came across a human bone before. A lot of bones, but not humans."

Quartiano said the bone, and some small fish, spilled out of the shark. The bone "still had skin on it," the captain told a local TV station.

Crime scene techs responded and took the bone to the county medical examiner's office, where it was determined that the bone was not human.

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