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Deputies Say Bone Not Human

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Broward County sheriff's deputies said the captain thought the bone was human, so he called police Friday morning. The 6-inch bone turned out not to be human, however.

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POMPANO BEACH - A fishing boat captain gutting a 400-pound male bull shark this morning found a bone inside the creature's stomach that was so large he figured it might be human.

The Broward Medical Examiner's Office was called in to investigate, and the media interest in the story was so high that the Sheriff's Office had to reschedule a news conference planned for this morning in Deerfield Beach on a new crime-fighting program.

It didn't take long for experts to render their verdict: Not human, according to sheriff's spokesman Mike Jachles.

The Sheriff's Office says Capt. Mark Quartiano was cleaning the 9-foot-long shark at about 8:30 a.m. in the 2500 block of Southeast 11 Street when he discovered the bone and called police.

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The Sheriff's Office Crime Scene unit responded to the scene, and took the bone to the Medical Examiner.

The shark was caught about a quarter-mile offshore near Government Cut in Miami-Dade County on Thursday afternoon by one of the charter boat's clients from New Jersey.

Investigators are still trying to determine where the bone could have come from.



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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 doctors will determine if the bone is, actually, human.

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