

August 1947 Gulfport John Doe

Find Unidentified Negro Dead Near ICRR in Gulfport

An unidentified negro man was found dead early Sunday alongside the Illinois Central Railroad near the Gulfport Fertilizer Company, it was reported at Gulfport police headquarters.

Police Chief John Payne said no papers or other evidence was on the badly-mangled body which would lead to his identification. The body was removed to the Hall Funeral Home, and was buried this morning in the Mississippi City cemetery.

A Harrison county coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by being run over by an IC or G&SI train, Chief Payne stated. The jury was empaneled by Justice of the Peace William A. Turner, acting coroner. Policeman Joe Bell acted as bailiff.