

Beach body identified

A body washed up on South Curl Curl Beach has been positively identified as that of Phillip Norman Jones.

The body of the 20-year-old youth was discovered only a few metres from where he disappeared nearly five months ago.

Police allege that on October 19 Jones and a companion were assaulted at the beach.

Five youths are still facing charges in connection with his death. No pleas have been taken.

Police were called to the beach early yesterday after Mr. Stanley Prinzen, of Dee Why, reported sighting a body floating in surf near the rock pool.

Shortly after they arrived, the body was washed to the

beach directly in front of the surf club.

The only clothes on the badly decomposed body were remains of a pair of jeans.

A set of six keys was in one of the pockets.

A detective later took the keys to Jones' Bayview home, where his father identified them.

The detective and a Manly dentist went to the City Morgue to identify the corpse.

Dr. Ivor Kelleway confirmed the identity from comparisons with X-rays.

A detective said he believed the body had been buried in sand and was finally dislodged by pounding waves.