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SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — A body that washed up on a Santa Cruz beach nearly two decades ago has finally been identified as that of a missing teenager.

Seventeen-year-old Cengiz Nuray was last seen at Greyhound Rock Beach in Santa Cruz on April 24, 1995.

The Salinas Californian reports the Santa Barbara native had been following the Grateful Dead band with a group of friends.

A few months after a missing person report was filed, a badly decomposed body was found down the coast near Asilomar Beach in Monterey Bay.

Until recently, Nuray was considered a runaway.

Last month, Pacific Grove police and the coroner's office sent DNA from badly decomposed remains to a state laboratory.

The DNA was linked to Nuray via the FBI's DNA index system. His family has been notified.


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