

“Little Miss Nobody” remains from Arizona cold case identified as New Mexico girl abducted in 1960.

The remains of 4-year old Sharon Lee Gallegos were found in the Arizona desert on July 31, 1960, days after she was abducted while playing in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

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PRESCOTT, Ariz. — Arizona authorities on Tuesday announced that a 4-year-old girl who was abducted in New Mexico in 1960 is "Little Miss Nobody" — a formerly unidentified little girl whose burned remains were found in a remote Arizona desert area nearly 62 years ago.

Yavapai County Sheriff's officials said the remains belong to Sharon Lee Gallegos, who was reported abducted on July 21, 1960. Contemporaneous newspaper accounts reported that she was snatched by strangers while playing with her cousins outside her grandmother's home in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Witnesses said a woman, a man and possibly one freckle-faced child drove up to the children in a dark green early 1950s sedan, Yavapai officials said. When Sharon refused the woman's offer of clothes and candy, she pulled the 4-year-old girl into the car and drove away.

The remains now known as belonging to Sharon were found 10 days later in Yavapai County, Arizona, 500 miles to the west of Alamogordo.

Rey Chavez, Sharon's nephew, thanked Yavapai County Sheriff's officials for pursuing the case for decades.

Chavez said his family described Sharon as a “happy-go-lucky” and “feisty” girl who loved playing with her cousins.

Officials said for months they struggled to find blood relatives in order to conduct a DNA test to confirm their growing suspicions that Gallegos was “[Little Miss Nobody](#).”

Gallegos' remains had that name ever since they were found in a wash in Arizona on July 31, 1960.



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Investigators at the time believed the girl was between 3 and 6 years old and her remains were buried about a week or two before being discovered.