

# **Woman's remains found in Colorado woods nearly three years after she vanished without a trace**

- **Amy Ahonen, from Colorado, was last seen on July 8, 2011**
- **Two days later, her unlocked Jeep was found abandoned on U.S. Highway 6 in Clear Creek Canyon, near Denver, with her handbag still inside**
- **Police conducted an extensive search without success**
- **A bone found in November was DNA tested and matched to Ahonen**
- **Her sister said the interior designer was scared before her disappearance after a strange man responded to her Craigslist advert for a roommate**
- **The divorcee was so unnerved she removed the posting soon after his response**

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The remains of a woman who disappeared almost three years ago near Denver have been identified.

Amy Ahonen was last seen by her roommate on July 8, 2011, the day before her 38th birthday. Two days later, her black 2005 Jeep Liberty was found abandoned in Clear Creek Canyon near the side of U.S. 6 in Jefferson County.

Despite an extensive search of the area at the time, there has been no trace of the divorcee - until November when a bone linked to the victim was found.



Vanished: Amy Ahonen was last seen by her roommate on July 8, 2011

Family and friends shared the news on Twitter and Facebook pages dedicated to finding her.

'Today is a sad day, as we are relieved to finally have some closure regarding Amy, however it is hard news to bear,' a note on the [Find Amy Ahonen](#) Facebook page, posted yesterday, said.

'Some remains that were found have been confirmed to be those of our beloved Amy. That is all the information we have at this time.'

The family also posted the news on [Twitter](#): 'Sad news today. Remains found have been proven to be those of Amy. Please keep her, her family and friends in your thoughts.'



Confirmation: Ahonen's family and friends said the woman's remains were found

# MISSING

## Amy Ahonen



<http://findAmy.org>

Amy Ahonen (38 yrs) of Denver, Colorado, has been missing since Friday, July 8, 2011. Ahonen was last seen at her home at 41st Street and Albion Street in Denver on Friday. Her car was found unlocked along Clear Creek and with her belongings inside on the Highway 6 West corridor at mile marker 264, between Golden, Colo. and I-70. Please contact the Denver Police Department at (720) 913-2000 with information. Remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (720) 913-STOP (7867).

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Hopeful: Despite an extensive search, Ahonen's family and friends never gave up hope of finding her

[Denver Post](#) reported that Jon Cline, an investigator with the Jefferson County Coroner's Office, said Wheat Ridge police gave a human bone found along Clear Creek near Marshall Street in November to the coroner's office.

The bone was then sent to Texas for a DNA test, where it was positively identified as a match to Ahonen, Cline said. He also said a bone fragment which was found was also linked to the missing woman.

The Denver Police Department yesterday posted on its official [Twitter feed](#) that the case was not closed but added that no other information was available 'at this time'.



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Missing: Amy Ahonen's black 2005 Jeep Liberty was found abandoned in Clear Creek Canyon near the side of U.S. 6 in Jefferson County on July 10, 2011



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Search: Investigators searched the area, including a creek, but found no trace of the missing woman

According to [Fox 31 Denver](#), Ahonen's disappearance has never been ruled a homicide. She reportedly moved to Colorado about five years before she vanished with her husband, who she later divorced.

On the night Ahonen disappeared, a passerby saw her Jeep on the side of the highway and called the Colorado State Patrol.

Denver Post reported that State Patrol officials indicated that Ahonen called 911 asking for help with her vehicle, but when a trooper arrived, she said she didn't need help.

When the interior designer did not show up for work, authorities tracked down her Jeep. Her purse, wallet and car keys were still inside.

Investigators originally believed Ahonen may have fallen into the creek, but a search turned up nothing.

Family members also asked investigators to find the man who responded to [a roommate ad the victim placed on Craigslist.](#)

Amy's sister, Andrea Ahonen, said the man 'scared Amy' so much that she immediately took the ad down.

She also believed her sister did not mean to leave her car for long.

'It indicates to me she only meant to be away from that car for five minutes or less. We're from Detroit. We lock our doors,' she said.

Her family has not yet spoken to the media about the latest development.

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