

Human remains found in 1992 recently identified as those of missing Louisville man



Remains of missing Louisville man

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Southern Indiana authorities have identified human remains that were discovered in 1992, confirming that they are those of a Louisville man who was reported missing at the time.

The Harrison County Sheriff's Department posted the update Monday on Facebook.

Investigators said Deputy Chris Burks worked with the Harrison County Coroner's Office and the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Corydon to exhume the skeletal remains of an unidentified body recovered on May 25, 1992.

According to the Sheriff's Department, the body was recovered from the Ohio River in Harrison County near Evans Landing.

Burks contacted the Indiana State Police's Indianapolis regional crime lab and worked with an analyst to obtain a DNA profile from the remains, officials said.

According to the Sheriff's Department, the newly developed DNA profile was entered into a DNA database, and with a 99.9999% probability, the DNA submission matched those of Kenneth Wayne Watters, born July 13, 1961.

Investigators said his DNA profile was previously developed from a DNA submission of his mother. Watters was reported missing to what was then the Louisville Police Department by his family on Dec. 2, 1991.

Relatives of Watters were notified of the new developments and met with investigators last week. Detectives will still need to complete an investigation into Watters' cause and manner of death.

Officials said a forensic anthropologist will complete a full examination of the remains.