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# Remains found in southwest Michigan in 1988 identified as those of missing Chicago woman

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NEW BUFFALO, MI. — Authorities in southwest Michigan say they have identified the remains of a missing Chicago woman whose body was found along the shoreline of Lake Michigan in 1988.

According to Michigan State police, the woman was identified as 71-year-old **Dorothy Glanton**, a Chicago woman who went missing on Dec. 9, 1987, after leaving her home.

Glanton's remains were eventually discovered on April 8, 1988, along the shoreline of Lake Michigan near New Buffalo, Michigan, and for decades, she was known only as "New Buffalo Jane Doe."

The case eventually went cold, but was reopened in 2023 when Michigan State Police began working with the DNA Doe Project, a genetic genealogy nonprofit.

With the help of the DNA Doe Project, authorities were then able to use DNA from Glanton's remains to construct a family tree, which was later used to identify her.



Despite their efforts, investigators were unable to identify the remains until 2023, when Michigan State Police reopened the case and began working with the DNA Doe Project, a nonprofit that specializes in investigative genetic genealogy. Researchers used DNA extracted from Glanton's remains to construct a family tree, which finally led to her identification.

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“This identification brings closure to a family that has wondered for nearly four decades what happened to their loved one,” Sgt. John Moore of the Michigan State Police Niles Post, who led the case, said. “We’re grateful for the dedication of all those who worked tirelessly on this case.”

Following the discovery of the remains, authorities initially determined that they belonged to a white woman in her 40s or 50s, but through genetic genealogy, they learned that the victim was actually a Black woman in her 70s.