'Woodlawn Jane Doe' identified 45 years after her murder

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Credit: Baltimore County Police

The "Woodlawn Jane Doe" found dead in Woodlawn in 1976 has been identified 45 years later.

Baltimore County detectives found the body of a girl, who has now been identified as a then 16-year-old Margaret Fetterolf from Alexandria, Virginia, in the 5600 block of Dogwood Road near the Lorraine Park Cemetery on Sept. 12, 1976.

According to the news release, the girl had been strangled and sexually assaulted.

"The complexity of this case dates back decades," the release said. "In the beginning, detectives relied on simple sketches of the victim to generate leads in the case. That began to change, as advancements in DNA testing were made. Detectives soon found new avenues to pursue in hopes of identifying Jane Doe. In 2006, detectives requested evidence in the case be tested. In 2015, with the assistance of The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, pollen testing took Baltimore County detectives to the Boston area. The following year, which marked 40 years since the killing happened, The

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children released a new facial reconstruction image of Jane Doe."

View a timeline of the case here.

Anyone who might have information with this case is asked to contact Baltimore County detectives at 410-307-2020.