Bethlehem police finally identify body found in 1981; 41 years later

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BETHLEHEM, NY (WRGB) — After 41 years, Bethlehem Police have identified a body found at the Double V Stables in 1981.

The body is identified as 41-year-old Franklin Feldman.

Feldman's body was found by a farmer at the stables, who went to fix a broken fence. The body's legs were up in the air at the time.

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On April 3, 1981, the Bethlehem Police Department responded to a wooded area at the property line between the Vadney Farm and the Elm Avenue Town Park in Delmar after a farmer discovered the decomposed remains of an adult male. There was no identification on the deceased individual.

In 2013, the Bethlehem Police Department re-opened the investigation into this case and undertook efforts to identify the man.

No exact cause of death of Feldman was determined due to the advanced stage of decomposition of the deceased. The investigation was led by Commander Adam Hornick of the Bethlehem Police Department.