

Patricia Minnis: Victim identified 25 years after remains found in Big Cypress National Preserve

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NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say they've finally confirmed the identity of a decomposed body found 25 years ago in the Big Cypress National Preserve.

The remains were found by a prison work crew on April 3, 1990.

An autopsy revealed that the victim had died from blunt force trauma to the head.

Detectives believed the woman had been dead for about three weeks before her remains were discovered, and there were no clues to identify her.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office said Friday that they've finally confirmed that the victim was 57-year-old Patricia Minnis.

DNA evidence last month proved a strong possible match for Minnis' daughter, who had reported her mother missing after finding her purse in her recreational vehicle.

Authorities say Minnis' killer remains a mystery and their investigation continues.

After 25 years, an ID gives Collier detectives a break in a cold case homicide.

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