

Human remains found under Kennedy overpass on Northwest Side identified nearly 14 years later

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Human remains that were found on the Northwest Side under the Interstate-94 overpass at Cicero Avenue in 2012 have been identified nearly 14 years later, Illinois state police announced Thursday.

ISP special agents received a DNA sample from a possible relative for comparison purposes and testing from the Cook County medical examiner's office revealed the remains belonged to 64-year-old Ronald M. Risher, state police said.

Risher's cause of death could not be determined due to decomposition but cold exposure was believed to be a contributing factor in his death, according to state police.

On Feb. 18, 2012, a maintenance employee was doing work in the area when they discovered the remains, officials said.

Foul play was not suspected in Risher's death.