

Remains found in Putnam County identified as missing man

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PUTNAM COUNTY, Tenn. (WKRN) – Remains found in Putnam County have been identified as a man who went missing over the summer of 2021.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office confirmed remains found on March 17 are those of 27-year-old Joshua Bohannon, who was last seen in Putnam County in June of 2021.

On Saturday, News 2 spoke with Bohannon's loved ones who knew about the remains and were hopeful they would bring the family closure.

The Sheriff's Office wasn't able to confirm the remains were Bohannon's until Tuesday morning.

"The family is hopeful for the sake of putting him to rest, but at the same time, no family ever wants to confirm their family member's gone," family friend Jerry Montgomery said.

According to Sheriff Eddie Farris, the State Medical Examiner was able to make a positive identification based on medical history records.

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Bohannon's wife, Jessica, reported him missing on June 3, 2021, near Burgess Falls State Park. The remains were discovered near the Window Cliffs State Natural Area, close to where he went missing.

"He was a very, very loving man, he loved his family," Montgomery said. "[He] called his family every single day. No matter what, it didn't matter if he was in trouble, he would let someone know he was okay because he knew that his family would worry about him. I mean he'd give you the shirt off his back, it didn't matter who you were. If you needed it, he would give it to you right then."

Shortly after his disappearance, Bohannon's aunt Vickie Jones, filed a missing person report for the 27-year-old, [eventually hiring a private investigator to help aid in the search for the missing man](#). Bohannon's family offered a \$5,000 reward for anyone who had information on his whereabouts.

Sheriff Ferris said the Putnam County Sheriff's Office spent countless hours investigating the case searching for any sign of Bohannon.

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"Over the last nine months since Bohannon was first reported missing, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office has spent hundreds of hours investigating this missing person case, following through with any information that may have led them to Bohannon's whereabouts," said Sheriff Ferris.

Bohannon's body was found by a citizen who lived in the area. According to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, the remains had been there for some time.

Bohannon's family told News 2 they suspect foul play was involved in his death.

Authorities are still trying to determine the cause of death. The Medical Examiner's Office stated that an autopsy is still pending

His wife, Jessica, is currently being held in the Overton County Jail for failure to appear on DUI and drug charges. She is due in court on April 19.

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