

# Remains found in Chaplin confirmed as woman missing since October

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CHAPLIN, Conn. (WFSB) - The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has officially identified the human remains [discovered in a wooded area on Friday](#).

The identity has been confirmed as 61-year-old Anne Marie Pappalardo, who had been missing since last fall.

State police confirmed that she left her residence alone and without her cell phone. Investigators later located messages at her home that implied suicide.

The manner of death is currently listed as pending further investigation, and the cause of death remains pending further study.

State police and Environmental Conservation officers originally launched a massive search for Pappalardo in [October 2025](#), in the Natchaug State Forest after her vehicle was found abandoned near the woods in Eastford.

At the time of her disappearance, authorities and search dogs combed through several miles of the forest, which spans three towns.

Despite those efforts, the search was eventually called off after several days.

The case was reignited at approximately 8:03 a.m. Friday when people walking near North Bedlam Road in Chaplin reported finding what they believed to be human remains.

Troopers responded to the scene and confirmed the discovery in a wooded area, prompting a response from the Eastern District Major Crime Unit.

State police had previously indicated that the remains might be connected to the missing person case from the previous autumn, though they waited for forensic confirmation before officially naming Pappalardo.

State police said there is no evidence to suggest the circumstances of her death are suspicious in nature.

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