

Remains found in York County woods identified as man missing for nearly a year

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Mark Hicks, 39, was reported missing on June 22, 2025. His remains were found in April in a wooded area of Hanover, York County. (Photo courtesy of Erica Hicks)Courtesy of Erica Hicks

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Authorities have identified the remains found in a wooded area of York County last month as a [man who'd been missing since June 2025](#).

Mark Hicks, 39, of Thomasville, had not been seen or heard from since June 22, 2025.

His remains were discovered at about 7:28 a.m. on April 16 in a wooded area behind an address on the 400 block of East Middle Street in Hanover.

Hicks' family said last year that [Hicks had been seen on surveillance cameras](#) walking down Pleasant Street in Hanover around 5 a.m. on June 22, 2025. His family said they'd last talked to him two days prior and didn't notice anything out of the ordinary.

After obtaining dental records for Hicks and another man missing in the area, investigators confirmed the remains belonged to Hicks, the York County Coroner's Office announced on Friday.

Hicks fatally suffocated, and his death was ruled a suicide, the coroner's office said.

No additional information has been released on the circumstances of his death or how soon he may have died after he was last seen.

Hicks was one of three men reported missing in the Hanover area around this time last year. Ben Garrett, last seen in May 2025, is still missing.