

Body of woman found in South Haven identified nearly a decade later

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SOUTH HAVEN, Mich. (NEWSCHANNEL 3) - A missing woman, discovered dead in West Michigan, has been identified by a local sheriff's department miles from home, nearly a decade later.

With the help of new testing, a family is just now getting closure, more than 7 years after a woman's remains were discovered off the coast of South Haven.

It was May of 2007, that a group of fishermen discovered the body of a woman floating in the

water.

"At that point the body was unknown, we were not sure where it came from," said Van Buren County Detective Lieutenant Bob Kirk.

Months earlier, in January, Eurethia Jamison's car was found running off Lakeshore Drive, in Chicago. But the 48-year-old was nowhere to be found.

"She was bubbly, she was just the life of the party," said her sister Nakia Glover.

Years went by, with Chicago police having no luck locating Jamison. Van Buren County was also unable to ID their Jane Doe.

Despite just identifying the woman recently, the Sheriff's Department and a local funeral home buried the woman in an unmarked grave.

The Sheriff's Department sent out this sketch nationally, as detectives in Chicago did the same with Jamison's drivers license photo.

Each was hoping someone would recognize a missing woman, but years went by.

"Finally in 2010, we sent DNA to a lab down in Texas," Lt. Kirk said.

Chicago P.D. did the same with Jamison's brother and sister, but not until July of last year.

"There really isn't any protocol, you are just hoping to find out who she was," Lt. Kirk said.

It wasn't until last December, when DNA results matched these remains with a face.

"It's given me the ending I didn't have, and its turning out to be an ending I could have never expected," Glover said. "They thought enough of her to give her a funeral and a headstone, and that's awesome."

The Sheriff's Department says they knew this case would take time, but they're happy to give the family involved some peace.

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