

# 'Jane Doe 1975' identified



**Cheryl Lynn Edwards**  
Clinton County Sheriff's Office

A person found deceased April 11, 1975, in the Mississippi River north of Clinton has been identified as **Cheryl Lynn Edwards**, 15, of Waukegan, Illinois.

Cheryl — whose death was ruled by an autopsy as a homicide — had come to be known as “Jane Doe 1975,” after she had been found approximately half a mile south of the Jackson County line.

Cheryl's identity, according to Clinton County Sheriff Bill Greenwalt, was discovered through forensic genetic genealogy with the assistance of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Major Crime Unit, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Astrea Forensics, and DNA Doe Project.

Cheryl was the daughter of the late Bernice and Leonard Edwards, of Waukegan.

Investigation remains ongoing.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Office, Waukegan Police Department, and Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Major Crime Unit are seeking information regarding Cheryl's life, disappearance, associates, and activities prior to her death. Anyone with direct information is asked to contact the Clinton County Sheriff's Office at (563) 212-9211, option 2; Clinton County Crimes Stoppers through the P3Tips app or [www.P3tips.com](http://www.P3tips.com) website; or via email to [mpicifo@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:mpicifo@dps.state.ia.us)