

Marion County sheriff says homicide victim identified after 32 years

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Facial reconstruction completed by an Ohio BCI forensic artist in 2017.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (WSYX) — After 32 years, authorities say they have identified the body of a homicide victim found in Marion County.

According to the Marion County Sheriff's Office, the body of a male victim was found in the Flat Run Creek area in July of 1989.

An unidentified remains page on the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's website lists the man as John Doe, #57.

The sheriff's office said investigators used genetic genealogy with the help of the DNA Doe Project, the BCI, and FBI to match the remains to John Kraicinsky.

The sheriff's office said Kraicinsky was never reported missing because his family believed he had just moved away to start another life.

According to DNA Doe Project's webpage on the remains, children were playing on a rainy day and found a shoe near the creek.

Marion County Sheriff's deputies, according to the project, discovered a male body entangled in brush near the creek bank.

Marion County Sheriff Matt Bayles said the department will hold a press conference at 9 a.m. on Oct. 19 to give more details.