

Skeletal remains found in 1993 in Palm Beach County identified as missing Ohio man

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Wayne Calvin Griffith (PBSO)



PALM BEACH COUNTY, Fla. (WPEC) – After 27 years, authorities say they now know the fate of a missing man from Ohio.

On Oct. 25, 1993, survey workers discovered skeletal remains in the area of Southern Boulevard and State Road 7 in unincorporated Palm Beach County, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The remains were taken to the Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's Office and determined to be human, the manner of death a homicide.

Then on Monday, cold-case detectives were notified by the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification that the remains belonged to 43-year-old Wayne Calvin Griffith, the sheriff's office said. The result came from a DNA match between the unidentified DNA sample and reference samples from family members in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

Griffith was reported missing by his family in Ashtabula, Ohio on Oct. 1, 1993.

Anyone who may have known Griffith or has any information on his death is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS (8477).