

"Falls Road Jane Doe" identified 29 years after body found

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The scene near where Smith's remains were found (Baltimore County Police)

(WBFF) — Baltimore County Police announced they've identified a woman known only as "Falls Road Jane Doe" since being found in March 1996.

Leoria Smith was a 20-year-old mother of an infant daughter when she was last seen in 1984. Her disappearance was never reported to authorities.

In March 1996, a woman's remains were found in a wooded area off Falls Road. Despite "extensive investigative efforts," the woman's identity was never determined, and she became known only as "Falls Road Jane Doe."

That is, until today.

Through a partnership with DNA Labs International, Baltimore County Police developed a DNA profile of the body. After further interviews and testing, the identity of the remains was finally known.

While Smith's identity is now known, the details surrounding her death remain a mystery.

Anyone who knew Leoria Smith, or may have photographs of her, is being asked to contact Baltimore County detectives at 410-887-3943. Information may also be provided through the Baltimore County iWATCH program.

According to a police statement, it is known "that in the late 1970s, into 1980, she attended Gywnns Falls Park Junior High School. Just prior to her death, she also frequented the club "Underground", which was located in the 2100 block of Edmondson Avenue in Baltimore City. Detectives received information that Leoria was possibly last seen alive at the club "Underground" celebrating her birthday in November of 1984."