

Remains found buried beneath bedroom floor confirmed as Kimberly Langwell's

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Remains found buried beneath bedroom floor confirmed as Kimberly Langwell's. (photo credit: BPD/KFDM)

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Beaumont — Beaumont police say they've just received results from scientific testing, confirming human remains found buried beneath Terry Rose's bedroom floor are those of Kimberly Langwell.

Rose, 67, a former boyfriend of Langwell, is charged with capital murder in her 1999 death.

The 34-year-old Langwell disappeared July 9, 1999. Her car was found in the parking lot of the shopping center on Dowlen near Phelan, outside what was then an Eckerd drug store.

in April, the Oxygen Network program 'Cold Justice' aired a segment on Kim Langwell's disappearance. The Jefferson County District Attorney's Office empaneled a grand jury to look into the case.

According to a probable cause affidavit for Rose's arrest, Rose told a reliable informant he murdered Langwell inside his home on Lindbergh Drive and buried her on the property.

Judge John Stevens signed a search warrant for Rose's home and property, and on Monday, June 10, Beaumont police began searching. The FBI joined the search later in the week.

The founder of Texas EquuSearch, Tim Miller, tells KFDM they brought in ground-penetrating radar.

Thursday, June 13, it honed in on a 3 foot by 5 foot area with no steel rebar under a bedroom floor.

"We knew it had been cut out," Miller told us. "I thought, 'my God, it's the perfect size for a person to bury someone.' There's no reason the wire mesh and rebar would be cut out. City crews used concrete saws to cut into the floor, then we all began digging by hand, using shovels and spades. It was delicate work to avoid disturbing anything. We kept digging on each side of the cavity, to get lower."

Miller says they found human remains wrapped in a blanket. They were sent off for testing and are now confirmed as Langwell's.

Miller spoke with Tiffani McInnis, Langwell's daughter, at a news conference Friday, following the discovery of the remains and Rose's arrest.

"Many years later, when they want your help, you're cautiously optimistic of a resolution and closure," said Miller. "These were the best possible results, and the best possible outcome, given the circumstances."

The goal, says Miller and everyone involved in the case, is to bring closure and justice to Langwell's daughter and family, and to see a jury convict the suspect.

Provost Umphrey has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Rose.

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