

# Cold case in Brooklyn remains unsolved 19 years later

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BROOKLYN, N.Y. (PIX11) — In 2005, 17-year-old **Darnell Garfield** went missing from the Lower East Side, that summer police found a human torso and head in two separate locations in Brooklyn.

With very little evidence and not much to go on, they could not immediately identify the victim.

A full examination of the remains gave police a partial profile of the victim but it took years to get familial DNA to connect the remains to Garfield's family.

Detective Anna Marie Bernagozzi said, "It wasn't until science caught up with us that we were able to make an identification."

With the confirmation and true identity of the victim, the family was notified. Over the years the family held on to hope thinking Garfield would return home. Now his father wants justice and who ever is responsible arrested and sent to prison. The detective said its never easy to make these notifications to families without solving the case.

Bernagozzi said, "I feel like he's not going to rest in peace, his family is going to always wonder, we told him this was his son. Let's tell him who and why?"

Garfield was a high school student, his father said he went to church and was a good kid and that he did not deserve to die this way.

Unfortunately, over the years there are still no new leads, no suspect, and no closure.

The department is hoping someone remembers something and comes forward.