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Female Body Found near Wendover Identified

Tooele County Sheriff's Detectives have identified the woman found dead near Wendover, Utah last summer. The deceased woman is confirmed as Mireslaba Ramirez.

Detectives recovered mitochondrial DNA from the woman's bones which was then compared to DNA from people who were identified as her family members. Detectives notified the woman's family of the positive match.

The positive identification required a lengthy process because only mitochondrial DNA was available.

Sheriff Frank Park said, "It's good to identify this woman. This progress in the investigation by my Detectives has helped bring some closure to the family and will hopefully help bring this case to a close."

Detectives say Ramirez was last seen alive on October 21, 1998. She was reported missing six days later on October 27, 1998. Ramirez' badly decomposed body was found on June 15, 2010 by an Intrepid Pot Ash employee, who was working on long-vacant company property east of Wendover.

Ramirez was last seen with her husband Jose Ramirez. He is a person of interest in connection with Mireslaba Ramirez' disappearance.

The cause of death is not being released at this time due to the ongoing investigation.

Anyone who may have information regarding the disappearance and death of Mireslaba Ramirez or regarding the whereabouts of Jose Ramirez is asked to please call the Tooele County Sheriff's Office. An anonymous tip line is available by calling (435) 843-3199.

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