

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



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DA Spota releases details regarding remains found along Ocean Parkway

District Attorney Thomas Spota today announced that partial skeletal remains of two female homicide victims found along Ocean Parkway in March and April last month are body parts of two female dismembered bodies found in the years 2000 and 2003 near Halsey-Manor Road in Manorville. One of the women has been identified through DNA as Jessica Taylor, 20, whose dismembered body, without a head, hands and forearm, was discovered in Manorville on July 26, 2003. "On March 29 of this year police search team members recovered the head, hands and forearm of Jessica Taylor along Ocean Parkway," DA Spota said. "She is the fifth victim identified in this investigation," Spota noted, "and a previous police investigation revealed that Ms. Taylor had worked as a prostitute in New York and Washington DC".

As to the partial remains missing the head, right foot and hands of the second female victim referred to by law enforcement as "Jane Doe number 6", discovered on November 19, 2000 in Manorville, District Attorney Spota said "the head, right foot and hands of this victim were discovered by searchers along Ocean Parkway on April 4, 2011". The district attorney stressed the "manner of disposal" of the body is similar to Jessica Taylor and "distinctly dissimilar to the four identified Gilgo victims".

Describing the ongoing murder investigation as "multi-faceted and multi-jurisdictional and likely will take a very long time to complete," DA Spota explained information known to date regarding the other remains discovered by the Suffolk County Police Department on March 29, 2011 and April 4, 2011 along Ocean Parkway:

As to the body of a person referred to as John Doe number 8, also discovered April 4 along Ocean Parkway, District Attorney Spota said "forensic anthropologists have opined these remains are probably those of an Asian male in his late teens or early 20's". District Attorney Spota said although there are indications he died a violent death, "the cause of death is radically different from all of the other remains found to date".

As to the skeletal remains of a toddler, believed to be a female, found on April 4, no DNA has yet been extracted from the remains. "Forensic anthropologists", said Spota, "estimate the age to be approximately 18 to 24 months". The body, wrapped in a blanket has no apparent signs of injury or trauma and the cause of death has not yet been determined. "While the toddler was found only 250 feet from Jane Doe #6, there is no indication so far that they are connected," Spota said.

District Attorney Spota announced that all of the DNA profiles for which there is no identification will be entered into local, state and national databases. All of the remains, including the cases handled by the

New York State Police and the Nassau County Police Department have been or are in the process of being examined by the New York City's Medical Examiner's Office to ascertain their identity. "We thank them, and County Medical Examiner Yvonne Milewski, for their extraordinary assistance, Spota said.

All of the materials related to the cases, including the remains recovered in Nassau County, will be examined by the Suffolk County Crime laboratory.

Attending the briefing with District Attorney Spota was Suffolk Police Commissioner Richard Dormer, SCDA Chief Assistant Emily Constant, SCDA Homicide Bureau Chief Janet Albertson, Suffolk Medical Examiner Yvonne Milewski and Suffolk Police Detective-Sergeant Thomas Groneman, assigned to the Homicide Squad.

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SCDA HANDOUT

Key and Summary:

***New information regarding the remains recovered by Suffolk County Police
on March 29, 2011 and April 4, 2011 in Suffolk County.***

#1 on the map- Ms. Costello, #2 - Ms. Barthelemy, #3 - Ms. Barnes and #4 - Ms. Waterman.

#5 on the map Jessica Taylor These remains have been identified through DNA as the additional remains of Jessica Taylor. The torso of Ms. Taylor was originally discovered on July 26, 2003 in the vicinity of the Northwest Corner of the LIE and Halsey Manor Road near a recharge basin. At the time her torso was found there in 2003, Ms. Taylor's remains were missing her head, hands and forearm. Her head, hands and forearm were recovered March 29, 2011 along the Ocean Parkway.

#6 on the map Jane Doe The remains have been linked by DNA to a yet unidentified female whose torso was originally discovered in Manorville on November 19, 2000 in a heavily wooded area approximately one half a mile west of Halsey Manor Road and, as was the case with the remains of Ms. Taylor, north of the LIE. The original remains found in November of 2000 were missing the victim's head, hands and right foot - all of these body parts were recovered on April 4, 2011 along the Ocean Parkway, about 1.4 miles from Miss Taylor's remains (#5 on the Ocean Parkway map).

#7 on the map Jane Doe Although no DNA has yet been extracted from these remains, all indications are that the body is that of a female toddler approximately 18 to 24 months of age at the time of her death. There is no apparent injury or trauma to the skeleton and the cause of death has not been determined. While the toddler was found near Jane Doe #6, there is no indication so far that they are in any way connected.

#8 on the map John Doe These unidentified skeletal remains were the most recent to be found in Suffolk County, discovered on April 4, 2011. DNA analysis identified them as male. Forensic anthropologists conclude that the male is Asian in his late teens to early 20's.

SUMMARY:

- ✓ The homicides of the women identified as Ms. Costello, Ms. Barthelemy, Ms. Barnes and Ms. Waterman appear to be related.
- ✓ The homicidal deaths of Miss Taylor and Jane Doe #6 appear to be related to each other but NOT necessarily to the original four.
- ✓ John Doe #8, the Asian male, appears to be unrelated to all of the other bodies but again until we know his identity we cannot be certain.
- ✓ The death of the toddler (Jane Doe #7) is likely unrelated to any of the others, which have all been classified as homicides, however until scientists are able to extract and identify a DNA profile of the toddler, we will not know for certain.



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