

## District 17

- On June 8, 2020, partial skeletal remains were discovered in a remote wooded area of Pembroke Pines, Florida. At the time of discovery, there were no possible names or information found on scene. A single partial fingerprint was able to be collected and run through the local, state, and federal databases with no hits. A forensic anthropologist and forensic artist worked on the case while DNA was submitted into CODIS with no hits. Overtime, the case was matched to several missing person cases, however, all turned out not to be a match to the decedent. The Pembroke Pines Police Department released information on the case to the media that unfortunately did not generate any additional leads to aid in identification. In August of 2022, the Pembroke Pines Police Department started working to further the DNA testing and were able to locate a possible family member of the decedent. Through the investigation, law enforcement was able to identify the decedent as an estranged family member related by the DNA match. In December of 2022, law enforcement was also able to locate an out of state arrest record that matched the partial fingerprint from the decedent and was able to confirm the identification of the decedent through DNA and the fingerprint.
- On February 18, 1984, an unidentified white female was found decomposed in a canal in Davie, Florida. Her death was ruled a homicide and fingerprints were searched with negative results. In 2006, DNA was submitted and entered into CODIS. In 2022, genetic genealogy was performed which led law enforcement to a possible family member. Detectives collected DNA from a possible daughter of the unidentified decedent. In May of 2023, the DNA comparison identified the decedent as a 1984 missing 23-year-old female. The decedent's family was notified of the positive identification and law enforcement is actively investigating the case.
- On December 19, 1998, an unidentified female was found in the Everglades in Western Broward County. Her death was ruled a homicide and fingerprints were searched with negative results. In 2007, DNA was submitted and in 2013 fingerprints were resent to FDLE with negative results. In 2022, genetic genealogy was performed which led law enforcement to a possible family member. Detectives collected DNA from a possible son of the unidentified decedent. In March 2023, the DNA comparison identified the decedent as a 1998 missing 41-year-old female. The decedent's family was notified of the positive identification and law enforcement is actively investigating the case.
- On March 25, 2023, an unidentified male was found partially skeletonized wrapped in a sheet off a dirt road in a remote area of the Miccosukee Indian Reservation in western Broward County. At the time of discovery, the decedent was unknown and there were no leads on his identification. On March 26, 2023, Broward Medical Examiner staff received a phone call from a concerned citizen looking for her friend who went missing around suspicious circumstances. Medical Examiner staff obtained the physical description details of the missing person and compared them to our unidentified cases. The information provided by the caller had similarities to the unidentified remains found on March 25, 2023. Medical Examiner staff notified the lead law enforcement agency of the call and started to gather further information to confirm the identification. On March 28, 2023, positive identification was made by antemortem radiographs and matching serial numbers on implanted hardware. The decedent's family was notified of the death and law enforcement is actively investigating the case.