

Police continue searching for headless body

BENTON, Ill. (AP) — Police are searching for the body of a woman whose decapitated head was found in the Wayne Fitzgerald State Park.

The head was found by two girls, ages 10 and 12, who were running in the Southern Illinois park.

The woman, who has yet to be identified, is believed to have been about 30 years old, police said. The head was dumped on a peninsula that extends into Rend Lake.

Illinois State Police Sgt. Randy Milone said police have used a helicopter and police dogs to search for the body.

Jefferson County Coroner Richard Garretson examined the head Friday to determine if the victim could be identified with dental records or other forensic tests.

The head, found Wednesday, was not badly decomposed, he said. Investigators have been unable to determine how long the head was in the park, but Garretson said it couldn't have been there for more than two weeks because people were in that area before the discovery.



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