



Covington Police Department

Press Release

Human Remains Identified

On 11/24/11 – officers with the Covington Police Department were notified by a citizen that a human skull had been discovered in a wooded area near Odum Street. Two extensive searches of the area were conducted involving Covington Police personnel; Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); Covington Fire and the Newton County Coroner's Office. All relevant items discovered during these two searches were submitted to the Georgia Bureau of Investigations Medical Examiner's Office for forensic analysis to determine identity of the remains.

On 01/05/2012 – the Georgia Bureau of Investigations Medical Examiner's Office positively identified the remains as those of Aron Samuel Lee Hudson, an 18 year old male from Griffin, Georgia who had been placed on the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children website in April 2011. The Griffin Police Department actively investigated his disappearance along with agents from the GBI. Through their investigation, Hudson had last been seen by family and friends in January 2011. It was later determined that officers with the Covington Police Department had contact with Hudson in February 2011 prior to being reported as missing.

The GBI Medical Examiner's Office could not determine the exact cause and time of death; however, based on the evidence recovered, it appears that the cause of death was suicide.