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State police review nearly 200 tips about girl's remains

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Oregon State Police investigators have combed through at least 180 tips so far in their effort to identify the remains of a young girl found in December in the woods near a rest area in Lincoln County.

Detectives have ruled out matches with 61 missing children nationally, agency officials said Thursday.

A DNA analysis is pending and will yield key details about the child, such as eye and hair color, race and ethnicity, as well as whether she had any genetic conditions.

She was dressed, but investigators have declined to say what clothing she was wearing.

Investigators believe the child was between 6½ and 10 years old and stood between 3-foot-10 and 4-foot-6. She had long black or dark brown hair.

The girl was discovered midmorning on Dec. 10 by a motorist who had stopped at the rest area along the H.B. Van Duzer Forest State Scenic Corridor. Investigators believe she died at least 30 days before her remains were found.

The rest area is located along a densely wooded stretch of state Highway 18. The child's remains were along the banks of the Salmon River, about 75 to 100 yards from the rest area parking lot on the eastbound side of the



The still unidentified remains of a young girl were discovered in the H.B. Van Duzer Forest State Scenic Corridor in Lincoln County.

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highway.

The highway is a major thoroughfare from the northern Willamette Valley to the Oregon Coast. An estimated 8,000 vehicles pass by the rest stop each day, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation.

State police ask anyone with information about her identity or the circumstances of her death to call them at 800-442-0776 or *OSP (*677).



This sketch was released by Oregon State Police and shows what the child might have looked like.

Oregon State Police

TODAY

It's Sunday, March 21, the 80th day of 2021. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In 2006, the social media website Twitter was established with the sending of the first "tweet" by co-founder Jack Dorsey, who wrote: "just setting up my twttr."

In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

In 1918, during World War I, Germany launched its Spring Offensive on the Western Front, hoping to break through the Allied lines before American reinforcements could arrive. Although successful at first, the Spring Offensive ultimately failed.

In 1935, Persia officially changed its name to Iran.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates and closed at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1965, civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their third, successful march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

In 1972, the Supreme Court, in *Dunn v. Blumstein*, ruled that states may not require at least a year's residency for voting eligibility.

In 1981, Michael Donald, a Black teenager in Mobile, Alabama, was abducted, tortured and killed by members of the Ku Klux Klan. A lawsuit brought by Donald's mother, Beulah Mae Donald, later resulted in a landmark judgment that bankrupted one Klan organization.

In 1986, Debi Thomas of the United States won the ladies' title at the World Figure Skating Championships in Geneva, Switzerland, dethroning Katarina Witt of East Germany.

In 1990, Namibia became an independent nation as the former colony marked the end of 75 years of South African rule.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin wrapped up their summit in Helsinki, Finland, still deadlocked over NATO expansion, but able to

agree on slashing nuclear weapons arsenals.

In 2019, President Donald Trump abruptly declared that the U.S. would recognize Israel's sovereignty over the disputed Golan Heights, a major shift in American policy.

Ten years ago: Syrians chanting "No more fear!" held a defiant march after a deadly government crackdown failed to quash three days of mass protests in the southern city of Deraa. Grammy-winning bluesman Pinetop Perkins died in Austin, Texas, at 97.

Five years ago: Laying bare a half-century of tensions, President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro prodded each other over human rights and the long-standing U.S. economic embargo during an unprecedented joint news conference in Havana.

One year ago: Negotiators from Congress and the White House held talks on a \$1 trillion-plus economic rescue package. During a White House briefing, President Donald Trump doubled down on his support for the malaria drug hydroxychloroquine as a possible treatment for the coronavirus, while Dr. Anthony Fauci said the evidence was "anecdotal." Italy announced nearly 800 new deaths of people with the coronavirus.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kathleen Widdoes is 82. Songwriter Chip Taylor ("Wild Thing") is 81. Folk-pop singer-musician Keith Potger (The Seekers) is 80. Actor Marie-Christine Barrault is 77. Singer-musician Rose Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 76. Actor Timothy Dalton is 75. Comedy writer-performer Brad Hall is 63. Actor Sabrina LeBeauf is 63. Actor Gary Oldman is 63. Actor Kassie DePaiva is 60. Actor Matthew Broderick is 59. Comedian-actor Rosie O'Donnell is 59. Actor Cynthia Geary is 56. Hip-hop DJ Premier (Gang Starr) is 55. Rock musician Jonas "Joker" Berggren (Ace of Base) is 54. Rock MC Maxim (Prodigy) is 54. Rock musician Andrew Copeland (Sister Hazel) is 53. Actor Laura Allen is 47. Rapper-TV personality Kevin Federline is 43. Actor Scott Eastwood is 35. Tennis player Karolina Pliskova is 29. Actor Jasmin Savoy Brown is 27. Actor Forrest Wheeler is 17.

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