

Chestnut Ridge Body Identified

January 9, 2014

UPDATE: Chestnut Ridge Body Identified

On January 8, 2014, the Hall County Sheriff's Office was notified that DNA test results confirmed the identification of the body found in the bathroom space at Chestnut Ridge Park in October of 2013. The body has been identified as Kayla Nelson, also known as, Kayla Weil, Age 21. Kayla was reported last seen in or around June 2013. She was reported missing from Flowery Branch, Georgia in September 2013 by relatives.

This case remains under investigation by the Hall County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigations Division.

Initial Press Release

On October 24, 2013 at approximately 2:00 PM, Sheriff's Deputies responded to Chestnut Ridge Park in South Hall regarding a report of a body found. Upon arrival, Deputies learned that a crew that had been contracted to clean up the area had discovered what appeared to be human remains wrapped in a blanket inside one of the bathrooms.

Investigators responded to the scene and verified that the remains were in fact that of a human, but due the advanced state of decomposition they were not able to determine anything regarding gender, age, or identity. It appeared that the remains had been in place for an extended period of time.

The body has been transported to the Dekalb County Medical Examiner's Office for autopsy.

Chestnut Ridge Park is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property that was closed to the public several years ago. It is currently under long-term lease by Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority, but has remained closed.

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