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Girl found dead was strangled, police say

A 15-year-old **girl** whose body **was found** in an abandoned east side Detroit home Tuesday **was strangled**, police said Thursday.

Detroit Police Inspector Craig Schwartz said autopsy reports released Thursday revealed the strangulation. Test results on whether the **girl was** sexually assaulted are pending.

Police are searching for suspects.

Bryona Williams' frozen body **was found** in a partially boarded-up home on Longview near Chalmers. Bryona, a Northern High School freshman, **was** reported missing to police on March 20. Her relatives had been looking for her, posting flyers and interviewing people on the streets.

The family has set up an account to help with funeral expenses at the Charter One Bank at 20222 Plymouth Road, Detroit 48228. The account is under the name of Friends of Bryona Williams, account No. 3100800505.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

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