

## Body found in field identified

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DETROIT -- The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office has identified 21-year-old **Angelo Patton** as one of the four bodies police found in two fields Friday and Saturday on the city's west side. Officials also have identified another 21-year-old man, but haven't yet notified the family.

**Patton** appeared to suffer some trauma, but it is not yet known what happened to him, said Investigator Derrick Anderson.

The remains of **Patton** and three other bodies were found on the 11300 block of Mansfield near Plymouth and Greenfield after someone called in a tip to the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' Project Safe Neighborhoods program. The block is riddled with boarded-up vacant homes and empty lots.

After the discovery, the Medical Examiner's Office received at least 50 calls in one day from people with missing relatives.

**Patton's** family was among those that called.

"There are a lot of missing persons out there, I guess," Anderson said.

Relatives Carmaratta and Sarah **Patton** could not be reached for comment Tuesday afternoon. The home **Angelo Patton** formerly shared with the two women -- about two blocks from where his body was found -- has been gutted by fire, and two listed phone numbers were disconnected.

Last year, a 12-year-old and 13-year-old boy were shot execution-style in a house on Mansfield as part of a drug robbery.

That was two miles away from where the bodies were found last week. Five men and one woman were found guilty of various charges related to the robbery and murders.

On Friday, police found one body in a shallow grave and another, **Patton's**, under a mattress. As they searched the area Saturday for homicide clues, they found two more bodies a few houses away.

The bodies were so badly decomposed an anthropologist will have to do some further testing to determine the causes of death and the identities of two skeletal remains, Anderson said. They used dental records to identify **Patton's** body.

The Detroit Police Department continues to investigate the case, said Deputy Police Chief James Tate.

He wouldn't say if he suspects the deaths are drug-related.

"We're taking all the calls, and we're investigating them," he said. "Right now, we don't know what we have."

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