

## **Police search for D'wan leads to bag of bones: Tests will determine if they're remains of boy missing since '94**

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS -- Police dug up a bag of bones during a search of Hines Park on Thursday for the remains of **D'Wan Sims**, who reportedly disappeared from a Livonia shopping center in 1994 when he was 4 years old.

Dearborn Heights police said the search was triggered by a tip from another agency and some bones were found in a shallow grave in a bag with the word bones written on its side.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner's office will perform tests to determine if the bones are from a person, police said. If the bones are human, then DNA tests will be conducted to determine if they are from **D'Wan**.

**D'Wan's** mother, Dwanna Jackson, reported her son missing from the Wonderland Mall in Livonia during a 1994 shopping trip just before Christmas.

At the time, police said they could find no evidence that **D'Wan** was ever at the mall with his mother. Police say she failed two lie detector tests, but she's never been charged.

Dearborn Heights police said Detroit police assisted in the search and officers dug in several areas of the park, at Warren and Outer Drive, before finding the bones.

**D'wan's** fate has been the subject of intense investigations and numerous rumors since his disappearance. Many of the stories have turned out to be untrue.

**D'wan** was sealed in a wall somewhere, one story goes. He was spotted somewhere in California, according to another.

Investigators even traveled to Atlanta last winter to check remains found there to see if it was **D'Wan**. It wasn't.

"The **Sims** disappearance is still an open case," said Detroit Police Cmdr. Dennis Richardson, head of the Major Crimes Division. "We have searched other areas before looking for the child and we will continue to search, follow up all leads until the youngster is found."

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