Second body identified from Detroit lot; 2 remain unknown

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DETROIT -- The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office has identified the second of four bodies found over the weekend in a lot on Mansfield near Elmira.

Tommie Kirkland, 21, has been identified, said chief investigator Albert Samuels. The other body identified is that of 21-year-old DeAngelo Patton, officials said.

Two bodies were found March 14, one in a shallow grave and the other under a mattress, Detroit police said. Two more bodies were found nearby on March 15 on Mansfield, police said.

Decomposition of the bodies was so advanced that police at first did not know the identities or genders of the bodies. An anthropologist had to help in determining who the people were, medical examiner's staff said.

Causes of death for the four still are pending, Samuels said.

The neighborhood where the bodies were found is a hodge-podge of well-kept brick or wood-frame homes and boarded-up houses.

Neighbors would not talk about the gruesome discoveries but said they were shocking.

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