

DNA to confirm 'Lady Bluebeard' remains

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LA PORTE, Ind. - The reputed remains of the notorious Indiana serial killer Belle Gunness have been sent to a lab for DNA testing to make sure she didn't fake her own death. Gunness was thought to have died in a house fire in La Porte, Ind., in 1908. However there was suspicion that she had staged her death and fled the area after the bodies of 11 people were found buried on her farm. Gunness, known as the "Lady Bluebeard," allegedly killed men who, in order to marry her, immigrated to the United States from Norway at the turn of the 20th century. The Chicago Tribune said Tuesday that the body discovered in the burned out house had no head and there is speculation it could be another woman Gunness killed and left in the home before setting a fire and leaving town. Some of the letters Gunness sent to potential husbands still exist. DNA has been extracted from the dried saliva will compared with DNA found in the zinc-lined casket she was supposedly buried in, the Tribune said.

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