

Detectives ask public's help to ID body found in Willamette River

by Cheryl McDermott

Multnomah County Sheriff's detectives are asking the public's help to identify the badly decomposed body of a woman found last December in the Willamette River near OMSI in the Portland area.

The badly decomposed body of an unidentified woman was found in the Willamette River near OMSI in the Portland, Oregon area in December 2007 - MCSO photo. An OMSI employee discovered the body about 9 a.m. on December 6, 2007, snagged near the visiting USS Blueback submarine. At the time, deputies said it was possible that increased water levels and strong currents had brought the body, estimated to have been in the river for up to a year or more, to the surface.

An autopsy performed by the medical examiner was able to turn up few details. While no sign of foul play was found, detectives say that homicide has not been ruled out.

The woman is estimated to have been 45 to 55-years old, with a height of 5-foot 5-inches to 5-foot 11-inches. Her race is unknown.

A DNA profile is being obtained to further assist in the identification of the body, and anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Keith Krafve at 503.251.2487.

Detectives ask public's help to ID body found in Willamette River by Cheryl McDermott