

Police: Missing girl killed by crocodile

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DARWIN, Australia -- Police in Australia's Northern Territory said Monday an 11-year-old missing girl was killed by a crocodile in the Black Jungle Swamp.

The Sydney Daily Telegraph said, according to police superintendent Michael Murphy, rescue workers found part of Briony O'Sullivan's body downstream from the Lambells Lagoon creek where she disappeared Sunday.

"This is a heartbreaking event for the family and the community," Murphy said.

The gruesome discovery of O'Sullivan's remains came after the young girl's board shorts were also found in the area outside the city of Darwin.

Three children swimming with the girl reported her missing Sunday after she disappeared in a Lambells Lagoon creek. The witnesses said they saw O'Sullivan being pulled under the water twice before never resurfacing.

The children informed authorities that they had seen a crocodile nearby shortly before the girl vanished, the Northern Territory News said.

There have been no reports whether Parks and Wildlife officials will search for the crocodile behind the girl's death.

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