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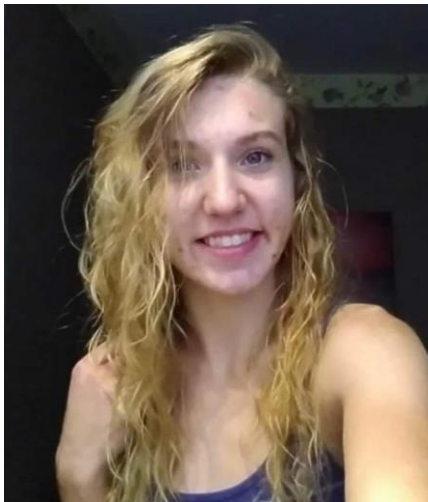
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Missing Person Update



Charleston, WV- The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Section has made developments in the 2022 missing persons case of Alyssa Smith. Alyssa was reported missing in August of 2022 and was last believed to be in eastern Kanawha County.

West Virginia State Police Troopers located human remains in the fall of 2022, in Boone County, West Virginia. KCSO worked with the West Virginia Fusion Center and Marshall University Forensic Laboratory to facilitate DNA testing on those remains.

The DNA testing has now confirmed the remains are those of Alyssa Smith and we have been able to notify her family so they may now begin to have some closure about her disappearance.

Although this is a significant development, many questions remain unanswered as detectives continue to investigate the events leading up to her death.

No further information can be released at this time, but we continue to urge anyone with information about this case to contact the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Section at 304-357-0556.



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