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Death of Man in Woods Declared Homicide *Police Offer \$5,000 Reward*

Autopsy results in the case of Wasel Ali, whose body was found in Columbia Monday, reveal he was murdered. Investigators believe Ali was beaten and died as a result of injuries caused during the physical altercation. Police are not releasing the exact location of the injuries to his body.

The time of Ali's death remains unclear to investigators. The preliminary autopsy results did not confirm when he was killed, but indicated there was some decomposition to the body.

A man found Ali's body at 5:44 p.m. as he walked along a path in the woods near the 12200 block of Green Meadow.

Police are offering a \$5,000 reward and are asking anyone with information to call 410-313-3200.

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