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## **Police Uncover Human Remains** *Detectives Investigating Link to Missing Woman; Husband Convicted of Homicide in 2001*

Howard County police have discovered human remains that may be those of Nancy Riggins, a missing woman whose husband, Paul Riggins, was convicted of her murder in 2001.

Nancy Riggins was last seen alive the evening of July 1, 1996; until now, no trace of her remains had ever been located. Paul Riggins was indicted for her murder in 2000 after an exhaustive four-year investigation by the police and the state's attorney's office.

Paul Riggins told police approximately 10 days ago that Nancy Riggins' remains could be found in a wooded area in Hanover, Anne Arundel County. Police pursued that lead and discovered human remains.

Investigators are awaiting scientific test results, which may take weeks, to confirm the identity of the remains.

Nancy Riggins was 37 years old at the time of her disappearance. She was the mother of a young child and a popular long-time employee of the Giant Food store in Burtonsville. Her husband reported her disappearance to police July 3, 1996. Police found the situation suspicious and began an investigation that quickly focused on Paul Riggins.

For several months in 2000, a Howard County grand jury heard testimony from approximately 30 witnesses before indicting Riggins. He was convicted after a 14-day trial in 2001. It was the first "no body" homicide case in Howard County.

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