

Unidentified woman to be buried today

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MENDENHALL — If the identity of a woman whose nude body was discovered off U.S. 49 near D'Lo last week is not pinpointed by this morning, officials plan to bury her, Simpson County Sheriff Lloyd S. Jones said Monday.

Officials Monday were checking a national missing person's list for a possible identification of the woman, he said. Police still have no suspects in connection with the death.

The sheriff said no services are planned for the 8 a.m. burial in the county's Westville Cemetery at Pinola. Jones said some type of marker will be placed at the grave, but he was not certain what the marker would be.

The body, naked except for a black hood tied about the head, was spotted Thursday by three men who thought they had found a dead deer.

State Medical Examiner Thomas Bennett, who performed an autopsy on the body, said the woman had been dead for at least three days when found.

Bennett said he hopes the results of toxicology tests on body tissues will help in determining a cause of death by midweek.

Jones said he believes that the woman was killed at another location before her body was dropped along the road.

The woman has been described as white with long brown hair. She was between 20 and 30 years old, about 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighed between 140 and 150 pounds.

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