

## Body of boy found in Oxford may be from Lowell, Mass.

LOWELL, Mass. (AP)—Lowell police working on the disappearance of 5-year-old Kenneth Mason received word today from authorities in Oxford, Miss., that the body of a boy, 3 to 5 years old, had been found in a shallow grave.

Police Sgt. Edward Sullivan said the boy found in Mississippi was about the same height as the Mason boy who vanished Nov. 10.

Sgt. Sullivan said Mississippi police are sending a picture of the body to Lowell police.

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# Fingerprints, Footprints Are Compared

LOWELL, Mass. (AP) — Efforts to determine whether a body found in a shallow grave at Oxford, Miss., could be that of missing 5-year-old Kenneth Mason, depended Thursday on a comparison of footprints and fingerprints by the FBI.

Police Capt. Richard A. Cullen, chief of detectives, said a photograph of the body sent from Mississippi was of no value in the Mason investigation.

The Mason boy vanished from his Lowell home Nov. 10. An extensive check of buildings in the area and a search of the nearby Concord River revealed no trace of the boy.

Cullen said he would await a check of fingerprints and footprints at the FBI laboratories in Washington. The body was found last Friday.

Oxford Sheriff Boyce Bratton said he did not think the body found in Mississippi could be that of the missing Lowell youngster. He said the body appeared to be that of a boy between 6 and 8 years old with little resemblance to the Lowell child.

Above article from: Clarion Ledger Dec 18, 1964

# Identity of Child Pursued

OXFORD, Miss. (AP)—Clothing of a murdered child found in a shallow grave has been sent to the FBI laboratories in Washington for possible identification.

The 3-year-old boy, who had been sexually molested, was discovered by two hunters, who spotted the new grave near here. An autopsy showed the boy was strangled to death about 10 days earlier.

There were no reports of missing children hereabouts. A picture of the body was sent to police at Lowell, Mass., because of the disappearance there of a 5-year-old.

Police in Lowell said Kenneth Mason disappeared from Lowell Nov. 10.

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# Strangled Child Still Unidentified

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — The sheriff says the strangled child found in a shallow grave near here was between six and eight years of age.

Sheriff Boyce Bratton said though the boy was small, a dental study revealed permanent teeth, which would be very rare in a child less than six.

Due to the dental findings, Sheriff Bratton said Tuesday he does not feel that the dead boy was 5-year-old Kenneth Mason, who disappeared from his Lowell, Mass., home Nov. 10.

The sheriff added that there was little resemblance in the photographs of the unknown victim and young Mason.

The body found near here was discovered by two hunters, who spotted the new grave Saturday. The autopsy showed the child had been sexually molested and strangled.

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## FBI To Check Unidentified Boy's Clothing

OXFORD (AP) — Local officers sent the clothing of a child found buried near here to the FBI office in Washington Monday for possible identification.

The unidentified 3-year-old boy, who had been sexually molested, was found in a shallow grave Friday by two hunters.

Sheriff Boyce Bratton said his office was continuing to probe the case.

An autopsy at a Tupelo hospital showed the victim had been strangled and dead about ten days.

Meanwhile, Lowell, Mass., po-

lice awaited a picture of the body because of the disappearance in that northern state of a five-year-old youth.

Lowell police said Kenneth Mason disappeared from Lowell Nov. 10.

The victim found in the grave was 38½ inches tall and weighed 32 pounds.

Bratton said "we have to catch the man who did this. There isn't any telling what he might do next."

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## Seven Per Cent

Not more than seven per cent of this country's physicians are women, according to Dr. Rosa Lee Nemir, president of the American Medical Women's Assn.



