On February 2, 1981, the skeletal remains of an unidentified male were discovered by two boys walking in a ditch between U.S. 98 and the railroad tracks at Tuskegee Avenue in Dade City, Florida.

Based on analysis of the skeletal remains, the individual was a 40-50 year old White male. This individual had a healed nasal fracture and numerous healed fractures to both left and right ribs in the area of upper front chest. He also had a healed fracture to the left clavicle and osteoarthritis throughout the joints in his arms, legs, hands and feet, and spinal column. He has severe dental pathologies that were untreated and was missing several upper front teeth while he was living.

Elemental isotope testing using lead (Pb) isotopes show this individual had a US origin, at least for the 7-10 years prior to his death. Overall, the isotope data suggest local Florida origin.

While clothing appeared to remain on the body, most of the clothing had deteriorated. The articles of clothing include:

- One pair of trousers, dark blue or black polyester. Inseam is 30 inches, pleated front with the zipper up. A button was on the rear left pocket.

- A 27-inch waist belt, approximately 1.5 inches wide with a metal buckle. The buckle is wired on with copper wire. There are two holes punched 3 to 4 inches smaller than the existing waist.

- A common type baseball style cap with a black cloth front, black perforated plastic rear panels and a green under bill with a spongy liner around head covered by cloth.

- A pair of socks, one green and one yellow that do not match in color or material texture.

- A pair of ankle high black leather sole shoes - worn on sole less on heels, indicating a stooped style walk.

- “Fruit of the Loom” label believed to be from underwear.

- A few other notable items found include:
  - Two foil and plastic bags believed to contain slight residue of chewing tobacco.
  - Two keys on one string - one is a brass "Master" key and the other is a small metal key for an inexpensive padlock. Both keys are corroded and looped on a string tied to the belt.
  - A total of five coins, all quarters. Two quarters are dated 1965, two are dated 1967 and one is dated 1974.