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CASE SYNOPSIS

On Sept. 30, 1967, two hunters discovered the skeletal remains in the woods and subsequently reported their discovery to the Marion County Sheriff’s Office on October 1, 1967.

The victim was located off an unmarked road approximately 4.25 miles southeast of Fort McCoy, off of Highway 315. Investigators secured the area and searched for visible evidence and with metal detectors. The search revealed some articles of clothing, hair, and most of the skeletal remains, including the skull. The medical examiner’s office declared the death a homicide due to a bullet hole found on the skull.

Further investigation based on the anthropological analysis reveals that the remains are that of a Hispanic female with some admixed ancestry including African heritage. The female was in the 25-40 year age range, with a height between 5 feet and 5 feet 3 inches tall. Her hair was black and curly with some bleaching that made it reddish in color. Stretching the curls, the hair was about 2.5 inches long. The victim’s upper two front teeth and several lower teeth were missing before she died and would have been apparent to anyone who knew or saw her.

The clothing consisted of:

- A red and green plaid blouse size 10. It is described as the top to a suit that was, “unusually made”.
- A size 32, wide-style bra.
- A black slip with lace on the top and bottom.

Lead (Pb) isotope analysis of bone and tooth samples suggest local, USA origin for birth and early childhood. The oxygen (O) isotopes suggest a Southern origin, possibly local to a FL birth and place of residence. The strontium (Sr) isotopes are slightly lower in the bone (mandible) compared to known FL samples. However, given the time she lived, it is possible that her diet and drinking water was more local compared to the present day, supermarket diet. In this case, lower Sr can be expected from the local drinking water coming from the Ocala limestone. The data are overall consistent with local FL origin.

If anyone has any information, please contact Sgt. Clint Smith at (352) 843-1329.
Red & Green Plaid Blouse
Part of a Suit
Possibly Handmade. ca.1960s

Clothing Approximation