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Remains found in Idaho identified as missing Washington woman 3 years later

Did you see Lesiah Olivia Pickett on or after Oct. 20, 2019? Idaho State Police are seeking any information the public can provide.



Power County Sheriff's Office

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POWER COUNTY, Idaho — On July 30, 2022, a fisherman found a human skull along the Fort Hall River in Power County, Idaho. The next day, investigators from Fort Hall Police Department, the FBI's Pocatello Office, and the Power County Coroner's Office responded to the scene. There were no other skeletal remains.

After several years, the [Power County Sheriff's Office](#), along with [Idaho State Police](#) Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Team, and many other local, state and federal agencies, have been able to confirm the identity of the found skull: Lesiah Olivia Pickett, a missing woman from Spokane, Washington.

Authorities were able to determine the identity of the remains as those of Pickett through years of work.

Idaho State Police (ISP) in a [news release Wednesday](#) said that after finding the skull back in July 2022, the remains were turned over to the Ada County Coroner's Office and then submitted to the FBI Lab for analysis. The FBI was able to produce 3D facial approximation images of the skull for media and law enforcement use.

A few years later, the ISP SAKI Team reached out to Power County to offer assistance in identifying the individual.

By May 2025, the skull had been entered into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) and law enforcement around the country was made aware.

On June 26, 2025, NamUs confirmed that the remains belonged to Pickett, according to [ISP's news release](#).

Pickett had been missing since 2019.



Credit: Idaho State Police

A photo of Lesiah Olivia Pickett, a missing woman from Spokane, Washington. Her skull was found in 2022 along the Fort Hall River.

ISP said records show Pickett was in American Falls in October 2019, and then in Pocatello later that month. Police said she was known to be transient and was in Ogden, Utah, in September 2019.

“This identification reflects the power of teamwork, science, and tenacity,” [Power County Sheriff Joshua Campbell](#) said. “We are grateful to have worked alongside our local and federal partners to bring some measure of peace to Ms. Pickett’s family. Cold cases take time, trust, and collaboration, which are all in this case.”

Idaho State Police are now asking for the public's help - did you see Lesiah Olivia Pickett after Oct. 20, 2019, or have any information about places she may have stayed? If you live in or were in southeast Idaho or the surrounding areas, please contact the Power County Sheriff's Office at (208) 226-2311.

“Behind every unidentified person is a family searching for answers, and behind every investigation like this is a team who refuses to give up,” said Colonel Bill Gardiner, Director of ISP. “This case is a testament to what dedicated investigators and forensic professionals can accomplish when they work together across agencies and jurisdictions. We’re grateful to have played a part in giving Ms. Pickett her name back and bringing her family the answers they’ve long deserved.”

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POWER COUNTY, Idaho – The Power County Sheriff's Office (PCSO), in partnership with the Idaho State Police (ISP) Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Team, a working group within the ISP Forensic Services Division, and multiple other local, state, and federal agencies, has confirmed the identification of human remains discovered nearly three years ago in the Fort Hall River bottoms as those of Lesiah Olivia Pickett,... [See more](#)



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"Through the Idaho SAKI program, we were able to offer both forensic and investigative support that ultimately helped give a name back to Ms. Pickett and provided her family with some long-awaited answers," said Daren Boyd, ISP SAKI Site Coordinator.

Involved agencies include Power County Sheriff's Office, Power County Coroner's Office, ISP SAKI Unit, ISP Forensic Services, Ada County Coroner's Office, FBI, Fort Hall Police, NamUs, Pocatello Police, and the Spokane Police Department.
