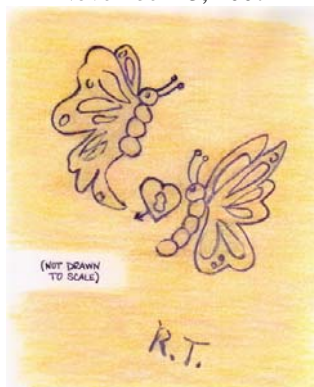




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Butterfly tattoo may help identify woman

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Distinctive butterfly tattoos may help solve the case of an unidentified deceased woman found in a remote area in Live Oak County in May 2007.

The DPS Texas Rangers are assisting the Live Oak County Sheriff's Office in the investigation. Foul play is a possibility. The woman's body was decomposed to the point she was unrecognizable. An exact cause of death is not known, but there was evidence of trauma.

The Texas Ranger forensic artist has released a sketch of the rudimentary tattoo that was located on the outside area of the [victim's right calf](#). The tattoo consisted of two cartoon-like butterflies facing each other, with a heart and arrow in between them. The initials, "R.T" were below the bottom butterfly, as pictured above.

She was wearing a "Forever 21" brand burgundy or red [halter top](#) and a "Trousers Up" brand black "stretchy" [mini-skirt](#). She also was wearing a corded necklace with two silver beads and four black beads. A red bandana was found nearby. Her ears were pierced and she was wearing metallic blue toenail polish.

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The woman had been dead about two weeks. According to the Nueces County Medical Examiner, she had long brown hair, was 4 feet 8 inches to 4 feet 9 inches tall, approximately 81 pounds and was probably between 25-35 years old. Her race is listed as white and she could have been Hispanic.

Her body was found May 23 in a wooded area near the intersection of FM 1091 and FM 99 near the town of Peggy in the northwest corner of Live Oak county. The body was found about 7 miles east of I-37 (Exit 83) and 2 miles from the Karnes County line.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact the Live Oak County Sheriff's Office at 361-449-2271 or the Texas Rangers Office in Sinton at 361-364-6145.

This case is also featured online at the DPS Missing Persons Clearing House www.txdps.state.tx.us/mpch/Unidentified.asp. (DPS Case # U0707005.)

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