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Reservoir St. victim was 'Most Wanted'

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This photo on MassMostWanted.com shows a bank robber, allegedly Tyra Wilkerson, whose skull was found in Holden last month. MassMostWanted.com photo

A Norwood woman whose skull was found last month in the woods off Reservoir Street has been identified as the woman whose picture appeared on MassMostWanted.com.

Tyra Wilkerson of Norwood was identified on that Web site as the individual pictured using stolen debit card at several stores in South Shore Plaza in Braintree on Sept. 29, 2005. She allegedly used the card to purchase nearly \$1,200 worth of merchandise.

MassMostWanted is a joint effort of the Massachusetts Banker's Association and the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council. It is

used to identify unknown criminal suspects. Two photos of Wilkerson were posted that Web site sometime after the crimes; she was identified to police who maintain the site as the woman in the photos before her skull was found this year in Holden.

On Tuesday, MassMostWanted updated its site to say that Wilkerson had been found dead in Holden.

Lt. Leo Hoban of the Westwood Police Department, who maintains the Web site, said he could not comment on the particulars of Wilkerson's case, but said that customarily, if a suspect is identified on the site, there has been a warrant issued. I



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person is identified, but a warrant isn't issued, Hoban said the Web information is taken down, though that depends on the information he gets from the agency that listed the person as wanted. He will also remove a listing if a suspect who has been identified is deceased.

Wilkerson was listed as wanted by the Braintree Police; an update Tuesday said th case would be taken down soon.

She was reported missing in August 2006; she was 32 at the time. A Facebook.com page established by her daughter says that Wilkerson's vehicle was found abandoned with all her belongings in it just outside Norwood, just two days after st had been reported missing.

The skull found by a jogger April 3, 2010, was identified as belonging to a black woman between 25 and 45 years of age who had brain surgery at one time for an aneurysm. That description led Wilkerson's family to suspect the skull might be he dental records provided by the family clinched the identification. Worcester District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. identified the skull as belonging to Wilkerson on April 16.

A limited search of the heavily wooded area where the skull was found was conducted in April; some items found in that area were examined for any connectio to her.

A spokesman for Early's office, Timothy Connolly, said Tuesday he had no information to

share with the public at this time about the case.

Connolly would not comment on whether the items

found in the woods had been connected to the case or whether any further search of the area where the skull was found would be conducted.

Norwood Police, State Police and Holden Police are investigating.

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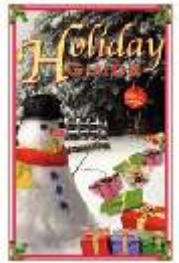
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