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Wayne County Sheriff Jerry "Juice" Mosley (left) and Wayne County Coroner Phillip Brewer (right) discuss things while waiting for state officials to get equipment ready to investigate the remains found in a wooded area

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Officials from around the state came to Wayne County Tuesday morning to try and solve the case of remains discovered in a wooded area early Monday night.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department was alerted to the discovery of remains in a wooded area just past the Shubuta exit on Highway 45. The remains were found by workers cruising

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According to WCSO Chief Deputy Geoffery Clark, the call was received right before dark on Monday night. In addition to bones and remains that were scattered around the area, some clothing and a suitcase were found.

Clark said the suitcase appeared to be "several years old" and it was not known if the items were connected to the remains.

Since it was becoming dark, deputies sealed off the area Monday night and secured the scene.

Tuesday morning, members of the Mississippi Crime Lab, Mississippi Bureau of Investigation and anthropologists from Mississippi State University arrived to assist with the investigation.

Late Tuesday, it was determined the remains were human. The remains were sent to the Crime Lab for DNA testing to positively identify the person. That testing could take some time based on the caseload the lab is handling at this time.

Once the remains are positively identified, family members will be notified. Until family is notified, officials will not release the name of the person.

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