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BODY FOUND IN BONNET CARRE' SPILLWAY BELIEVED TO BE A HOMICIDE

Yesterday at approximately 7 AM work crews with the CN Railroad notified the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office of a body in Lake Pontchartrain just west of the entrance canal to the lower section in the Bonnet Carre' Spillway in Norco, Louisiana.

Following a forensic autopsy it was determined that the body is an African American Female 45-60 years old, approximately 5'6, and approximately 180 lbs. The victim was wearing a red and white plaid button down shirt, a white under shirt, and a blue sports bra. She had no natural teeth. She was found with Gold Capped Dentures on the top of her mouth, but no lower dentures at the time the body was discovered. The victim has no scars or tattoos, but evidence shows that she had undergone a full hysterectomy. It is believed the victim's body was in the water for approximately 2-3 days.

Sheriff Champagne is asking for the public's help in identifying this victim. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Detective Chris Baird or Lt. Derek Pertuis at 985-783-1135 or 985-783-6807 or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-877-903-STOP. Citizen's do not have to give their name nor testify and could receive up to \$2,500.