

Bones may be from Nevada store clerk

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NEVADA — Police believe a skull and bones found last month in a field might be those of a Nevada store clerk who disappeared almost nine years ago.

Investigators are still waiting for tests, but Missouri Highway Patrol Sgt. Miles Parks believes the bones are those of Cheryl Kenney, 30, who vanished from a convenience store where she worked on Feb. 27, 1991.

Kenney disappeared along with her purse after getting off work about 10 p.m., but her car was left at the scene, Parks said.

Investigators are comparing blood samples from Kenney's children with the DNA that scientists at the Highway Patrol lab in Jefferson City can

extract from the skull.

Parks said on Tuesday that the results from the DNA tests should be back in a couple of weeks.

The bones were found Jan. 8 by rabbit hunters on the edge of a cultivated field. Vernon County Sheriff Mickey Mason said the body had been there at least a few years.

A bullet was found among the bones, and the skull showed trauma.

Parks said no cause of death had been determined as of Tuesday. Investigators have narrowed to three the list of disappearances that took place in the time frame when they believe the victim died.

"From the information we have, this was the most logical one," Parks said of Kenney.