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Palmetto police chief visits murder victim's burial site



Palmetto Police Chief Scott Tyler (left) and Chiefland Police Chief Scott Anderson on Monday afternoon (March 20) stand next to Buie Park Road in front of the woods from whence the body was recovered.

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CHIEFLAND -- Palmetto Police Chief Scott Tyler came to the site where the body of Tricia Freeman was buried in woods in the city limits of Chiefland on Monday afternoon (March 20).

Joining Chief Tyler were Palmetto Police Department Capt. Mike Stinson and PPD detectives Chad Oyler and Richard Wilson.

Chief Tyler and Capt. Stinson said they greatly appreciate the work by the Chiefland Police Department and the Levy County Sheriff's Office that led to the recovery of the body.

Chief Tyler said Chiefland Police Chief Scott Anderson and the CPD did everything they could to assist in locating and recovering the body.

On Saturday night, several Levy County Sheriff's Office deputies and vehicles were brought into action to start the search. The deputies used the Willow Sink Voting Precinct building and parking lot at 6731 N.W. 100th St. as a staging area.

There is about one murder per year in Palmetto, Chief Tyler said. That is "one murder too many."

The chief said that although he did not personally know the victim, he "takes it personally when anyone is murdered in Palmetto."

The visiting police chief said he hopes the state of West Virginia will extradite the suspects before the end of this week.

While this may seem to be the end of the murder case, Chief Tyler said the Palmetto Police Department still has "a lot more legwork" before this case is closed.