

Body found near Coolidge Park

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Chattanooga homicide detectives are working to figure out what killed a woman.

Construction workers found the woman's body at the base of the demolished Market Street Bridge, about 125 feet from Coolidge Park.

The startling discovery happened around two o'clock.

Workers found the white woman in her late 20's to early 30's under several pieces of cement and rubble.

Her body was NOT wrapped in anything as the first calls indicated.

It will take an autopsy to determine the cause of death, which could prove difficult in this case.

SGT. TOM LAYNE/ CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPT. THERE'S NO REAL WAY TO LOOK AT A BODY WHO HAS UNFORTUNATELY BEEN THROUGH SUCH TRAUMA AS THIS CASE. WE CAN'T JUST LOOK AT THIS BODY AND SAY WELL THERE'S AN OBVIOUS SIGN OF INJURY OR THERE'S PHYSICAL TRAUMA THAT WAS OBVIOUS. YOU CAN'T DO IT DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE WAS SO MUCH CONCRETE THAT ENDED UP ON THE BODY.

Detectives and crime scene technicians removed the rubble and the body in the late afternoon.

Detectives say the body did not appear to have been there long.

Construction crews on scene indicated employees had been accounted for.