

# (updated) Berks coroner: Remains found in Amity that of missing township man

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Amity>> The Berks County Coroner's office has determined that the human remains found in an Amity field were that of missing 65-year-old man Robert Kosik.

Police responded to the field off of Monocacy Creek Road in Amity Township Tuesday morning on reports that skeletal remains were discovered by the owner of the field. Coroner Dennis Hess said that a necklace and a wristwatch found with the remains were the first clue of the man's identity.

Injuries to the left leg of the body pointed to an injury Kosik's sister had described, enabling the coroner's office to obtain X-rays from Good Samaritan Hospital, where Kosik was treated, Hess said. Those images, along with medical records, matched the remains exactly, he explained.

"The unfortunate part is we weren't able to get anything for the cause and manner of death. They will be undetermined," Hess said.

He added that the office believes it was a "medical event" and no sign of injury from weapons was found during the autopsy.

"We don't believe it was anything of a criminal nature," Hess said.

Kosik lived on the 100 block of Sunset Drive in a mobile home park in the township, less than two miles from where the remains were found. He had been missing since May 31. Amity police began investigating June 5, when Kosik's sister called the department to check on her brother, according to Amity Police Chief Kent Shuebrook.

Kosik was a veteran and had been working at a chicken processing plant in Exeter Township. Amity police conducted an extensive search of the area, contacted local hospitals and brought in canine units, Shuebrook said. Police found nothing suspicious at Kosik's home.

Hess said that the autopsy could not determine exactly how long the remains had been in the field, but he believed it was since sometime in June based on the condition.

Rescue workers will likely be asked to search the field again for the few missing bones, Hess said, but the autopsy results that came in Friday morning will "pretty much close it up."

Hess said the remains were set to be released to Kosik's family on Friday.