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Sheriff Has Suspect In Buckley Murder

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After nearly a year, the Preble County Sheriff's department has a suspect in the murder of Lisa Buckley.

Buckley was the Preble County youth who was killed July 8, 1990 and her body found the following morning in a lake outside New Paris.

Originally investigators believed the woman drowned, but an autopsy proved Buckley's death a

murder.

The suspect, whose name cannot be released at this time is in the Preble County Jail on an unrelated charge. The type of charge the suspect is being held on is also not being released.

"I anticipate going to the grand jury within a month," said Preble County Prosecuting Attorney Rebecka Ferguson.

"There was some new evidence found," said Ferguson. "The sheriff's department investigation and and prosecutor's

investigation finally hit pay dirt."

Ferguson said she could not reveal what kind of evidence, saying, "It's a little premature to discuss it."

After nearly a year, Ferguson is looking forward to going ahead with the case.

"I feel relatively confident with the evidence we have," said Ferguson.

"It's not over till it's over." Ferguson responded when asked about her personal feelings toward the case. "This isn't really

an end. My part is just beginning. I'm sure they (Buckley's parents) are eager to get this done with."

Since the Billy Scott case earlier this summer, there have been rumors that those shootings, were somehow connected to the Buckley case.

Ferguson said that wasn't true. "As far as I know, Ferguson said, there is no connection between the two cases." "I don't think that those involved with Scott even knew Buckley."