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Press Release

Remains identified as missing Boston Marine Recruit

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The remains found beside Rte. 95 Southbound in the town of Canton have been positively identified as those of Joseph Brancato, 21, whose disappearance has been under investigation by Boston Police.

Brancato, originally from the North Shore, was last seen in November 2017. He is believed to have been living at an address in Roslindale at that time.

Hours after his discovery, by a motorist who had stopped in the breakdown lane of the highway, Mr. Brancato was removed to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Boston where his identity was confirmed. An autopsy performed today (March 29, 2018) did not immediately establish cause or manner of death. Cause and manner of death remain undetermined and under investigation pending further testing.

The matter remains under active investigation by Massachusetts State Police detectives attached to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office working with Boston Police detectives.