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Police exhume body of suspect in Heather Teague disappearance

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One day before the 30th anniversary of Heather Teague's disappearance, Kentucky State Police Monday morning exhumed the body of Marvin Ray "Marty" Dill: the only official suspect ever named in the case.

KSP spokesman Trooper Corey King confirmed the exhumation to the Courier & Press Monday afternoon. He was said it was for "DNA purposes" connected to the Teague investigation.

Sarah Teague, Heather's mother, said no one informed her ahead of time. She only found out when a woman randomly messaged her on Facebook Monday

morning and told her what was happening.

She said someone in the woman's family was apparently a gravedigger, and they'd been contacted to do the job.

"I knew something was going to happen before the 30th anniversary," she said. "I knew God was gonna do something so big that there would be no doubt it's God.

"And I don't know what they're up to," she added about KSP. "I don't trust them one bit."

Sarah has spent 30 years clawing for answers in her daughter's disappearance. And she's long doubted police's belief that Dill was the sole perpetrator.

Heather Teague, 23, was sunbathing on Newburgh Beach on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River on Aug. 26, 1995 when a gun-toting man reportedly materialized from a ragged grove of trees and dragged her away.

A man watching the beach through a telescope from his home across the water in Indiana later called KSP

and said he witnessed the abduction. He claimed the man had wild hair and a scraggly beard.

Dill had sported a similar look in the past. But according to both Sarah Teague and Dill's attorney at the time, Bill Polk, Dill was clean-shaven and shorn bald at the time of Heather's disappearance.

Sarah believes Dill matched a police sketch of the perpetrator because KSP based it off his driver's license photo.

Dill did own a red Ford Bronco that matched the description of one seen at Newburgh Beach the day Teague was taken. So on Aug. 31, 1995, KSP and the FBI amassed outside Dill's trailer. In the wee hours of the following morning, police said Dill shot and killed himself. No one was ever able to question him about Heather.

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Sycamore Street in Downtown Evansville is closed due to ongoing construction of The Vault on Main, Aug. 12. The project will be a four-story building with 161 market-price residential units and retail space on the first floor. PHOTOS BY MACABE BROWN/COURIER & PRESS

'GETTING BY'

Evansville bar owner is joking/serious about constant road closures

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It was joke. But also not.

After years of enduring near-constant construction on Sycamore Street – and other downtown roads, for that matter – Carl Arnheiter proposed a deal. It was to CRG Residential, the construction firm behind The Vault on Main: the forthcoming residential-and-retail complex that will eventually fill the chasm where the 420 Main skyscraper once stood.

If they reopen Sycamore within a week, Arnheiter's bar, Arcademie, would cut the company a check for \$2,500.

They could use it for whatever they want. Maybe they could distribute the money amongst the hardworking men and women who had been building The Vault amid weeks of brutal heat, Arnheiter told the Courier & Press later. And maybe those employees could turn around and spend it in the Downtown

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Construction continues on The Vault on Main, located at 424 Main Street in Downtown Evansville, Ind., Aug. 8. The project will be a four-story building with 161 market-price residential units and retail space on the first floor.

Teachers, EVSC start pre-bargaining

Formal contract talks begin Sept. 15 amid budget cuts and lingering tensions

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Both sides are saying the right things, making nice and speaking in generalities. The time for serious negotiating is weeks away.

The possibility of things getting ugly — as they did two years ago, the last time the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp. and the Evansville Teachers Association negotiated a contract — is not something either side wants to think about right now.

Formal bargaining between the EVSC and ETA for school years 2025-26 and 2026-27 doesn't begin, by statute, until Sept. 15. That's when the two sides can start getting down to brass tacks about salary, wages, and salary- and wage-related fringe benefits.

Monday night, though, kicked off what is known as "pre-formal bargaining." First, by law the EVSC school board had to hold a public hearing to "notify the community and allow public input," according to EVSC's meeting agenda.

No one spoke at the hearing, but now the talks can begin. Generally.

"(EVSC and ETA) are going to get together this week, and we're going to start working on proposals, sharing ideas, where we see ourselves going forward — because I think both parties, we want the absolute best for our teachers based off of our Indiana budget," said Lori Young, the ETA's president.

What does the ETA want for its members?

"A pay increase for everyone," Young said. "We want to make sure that the salary and the wages are fair and equitable, based off of years experience in the classroom and and the degree that you have achieved."

At the beginning of the 2025-26 school year, the starting salary for EVSC's returning full-time teachers is \$46,000 annually with a high of \$91,000.

"However, the highest paid salary for teachers is currently \$83,500," Mark Lichtenberg, an Evansvillebased field representative for the Indiana State Teachers Association, said by email. "The additional steps (\$1,500 increments) are present in the CBA, but are not currently utilized because teachers have not advanced to those levels yet."

EVSC spokesman Jason Woebkenberg addressed the looming negotiations with optimism and nothing else very specific.

"We always want to do what is right by all of our

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