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‘Some’ remains of missing 4-year-old found in lake

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The Aiken County Sheriff's Office announced Thursday that some remains belonging to a missing 4-year-old in South Carolina had been found, and reportedly had been dissolved by chemicals before being "dumped" in a lake.

Javeayah Harris was reported missing on June 30 by her parents in Aiken County. Since being reported missing, law enforcement and first responders have been searching for the little girl. On July 4, in a statement on Facebook, Aiken County Sheriff Marty Sawyer shared that they believe that the child has been deceased for at least a month.

And on July 9, Sawyer confirmed the theory at a press conference, and he

was "sickened" at what unfolded in the case.

"Personally, there are some very harsh words that I would like to use about Johmarea and Michilae and their actions, but I will not do that," Sawyer said and stated it was to maintain the integrity of the case. He also refused to call the two parents.

Sawyer stated that some remains were found at Cedar Creek Reservoir in Fairfield County. DNA was recovered from the remains found that were a biological match to 23-year-old Johmarea Harris and 22-year-old Michilae Herring, who are charged in the girl's death.

"Extensive and deliberate efforts were made to destroy and conceal evidence

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Some remains belonging to Javeayah Harris have been found in Cedar Creek Reservoir in Fairfield County. USA TODAY NETWORK

WAR IN MIDDLE EAST

IRAN SAYS IT HIT US TARGETS



MOHAMMED SALEM, REUTERS

Mourners gather Thursday by Imam Reza shrine on the day of the burial of Iran's late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed Feb. 28 in Israeli and United States airstrikes, in Mashhad, Iran.

American military bases in Gulf region in crosshairs amid burial of supreme leader

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Reuters

DUBAI — Iranian armed forces launched attacks on United States military infrastructure in Persian Gulf nations Thursday after U.S. strikes on Iran's southern coastal and eastern provinces.

Iranian media later reported explosions across southern Iran, including Bushehr, where one of Iran's nuclear plants is located, along with Konarak, Choghadak and Bandar Abbas. The U.S. military did

not immediately respond to a request for comment on the reports.

The developments came on the day Iran buried its slain Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei at a shrine in Mashhad, the culmination of a week of mass funeral processions and rallies.

A U.S. airstrike killed Khamenei on the first day of the war Feb. 28 as part of a U.S.-Israeli barrage against the nation that set off a monthslong conflict that killed thousands and throttled worldwide energy supplies.

Attacks on Qatari and Saudi shipping vessels this week upended the fragile ceasefire, with U.S. President Donald Trump declaring the truce "over."

Khamenei's funeral procession reached the country's holiest shrine for his burial with a huge crowd packing the courtyard, some bearing banners denouncing the U.S. president and reading, "We Will Kill Trump."

Iran's Revolutionary Guards Navy said

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