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**Body of badly burned man still unidentified**

Edmonton - The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has released the unidentified male body found last year in a garage fire in central Edmonton to the Public Trustee's office for burial.

Previous appeals to the public locally and nationally for help in the identification of this individual produced several useful leads. All have been ruled out.

Dental records, x-rays and DNA from the body will be held at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, for comparison purposes in case new information on the possible identity of the deceased becomes available in the future.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner would like to thank the media and the public for their assistance in trying to identify the male body.

The man was found in a burned-out garage July 18 1999, at 108A Avenue and 97 Street in Edmonton. He was burned beyond recognition. The victim appeared to be a Caucasian or Aboriginal male, 5'8" to 5'10", likely in his early 30s, with a possible age range from 25 to 40 years. He may have had a deformity on the right side of his nose.

An artist's rendering of the reconstruction of the man's face can be viewed at <http://www.gov.ab.ca/just/rstruct.gif>.

Anyone with information as to the possible identity of the victim is asked to contact the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner during normal business hours, at (780) 427-4987.

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**Attachment:**

Artist's rendering of facial reconstruction of victim

**Justice Web Site**

: <http://www.gov.ab.ca/just/>

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