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Body found in woods last month identified as missing person David Gipson Smith

Howard County police have been notified that the remains of a body found in Allegany County in late February are those of David Gipson Smith, 28, who was reported missing from Howard County in August 2017.

Smith's remains were discovered Feb. 25 by hikers in Green Ridge State Forest in Flintstone, Md. His cause of death has been ruled undetermined by the state medical examiner. He was identified through dental records. Authorities are unable to confirm his time of death.

Smith disappeared August 6 after coming to Maryland from his home in New Jersey to visit an acquaintance. When he didn't return home by Aug. 12, his family notified police that he was missing.

Investigators do not have information about the circumstances of Smith's death. Anyone with information should contact police at 410-313-STOP or HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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