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### **Lubbock County Receives Estimates To Dig for Missing Teen's Body**

NewsChannel 11 has learned it could cost Lubbock county as much as \$5 million to dig for missing teen, Joanna Rogers. Her body is believed to be buried at the city landfill, near Abernathy.

Last month, Rosendo Rodriguez confessed to killing Rogers. Rodriguez is the same man charged with the murder of Summer Baldwin. Her body was found at the landfill last year, stuffed in a suitcase.

If, in fact, Rogers' body is buried at the landfill, investigators will have to dig 48 feet into the ground and through four years of trash, and possibly cover an area as large as 300 feet by 300 feet. Sources are telling NC11 they found out three weeks ago it could cost anywhere between \$2 and \$5 million to recover the body and could take at least six months to do the job.

Sources also say the Sheriff's Department may go before the County Commissioners and ask for funding. We are not sure when that will happen. We spoke to the County Commissioners Thursday and they tell us they have not heard about any request for funding. But Commissioner Patti Jones says it will be an emotional issue when, and if, they are confronted with it. She asks how do you put a price on bringing closure to the Rogers family.

"I feel for the Rogers Family. I'd hate to be in their shoes. But on the other hand, we are the stewards of the tax payer dollars. We have to look at the picture and decide whether or not something like that, and how we can explain to our citizens on spending that kind of money on one incident," said Jones.

NC11 spoke with a landfill operator. He said they are preserving the area they think Rogers may be buried. He also told me that the county needs to decide quickly what they are going to do, because he needs the area back to dump trash.

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