

A man wearing a black t-shirt, dark pants, and a black cap is operating a FINDAR ground-penetrating radar device. He is standing in a grassy field with dense green bushes and trees in the background. The device is a yellow and black wheeled unit with a control panel on top. The man is holding the handle and looking at the device's screen.

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“Without that technology, it’s possible that we would not have found the remains.”

- Pottawatomie County District Attorney

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With reports that the number of clandestine graves in Oklahoma was climbing, law enforcement officials decided to turn to technology for a solution. Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) acquired a FINDAR GPR system to search for the burial location of homicide victims.

FINDAR is a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) designed by Sensors & Software Inc. for the express purpose of detecting buried forensic evidence. Law enforcement agencies in Canada, the United States and Europe were consulted during the design process, resulting in advanced technology that is both powerful and easy to use.

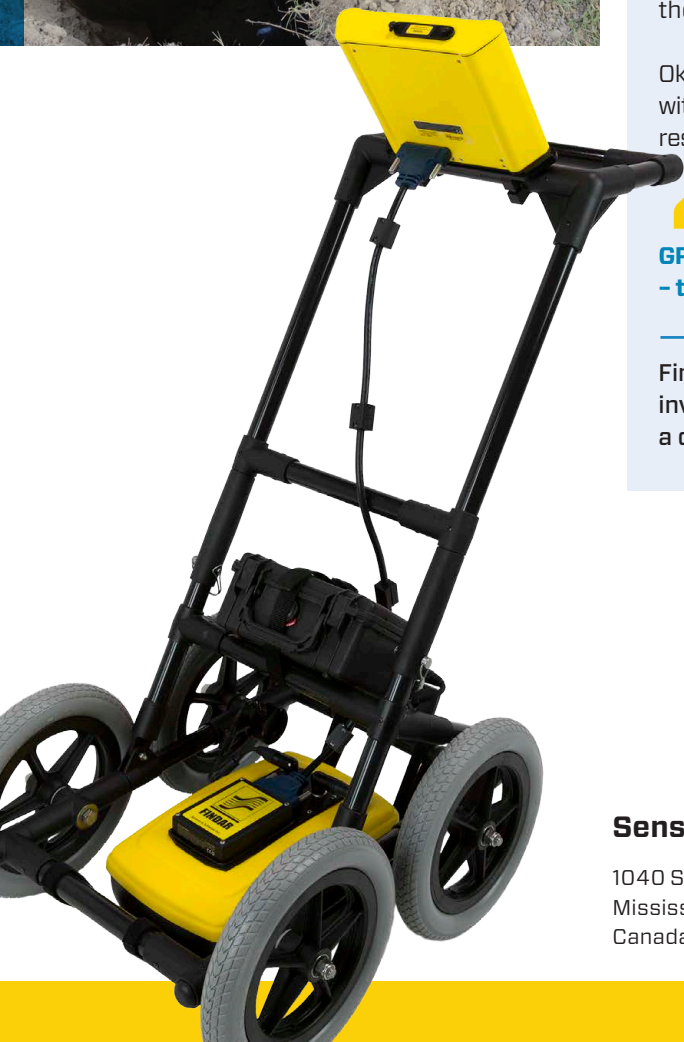
Previously, OSBI relied on a highly-trained forensic archeologist to decipher a victim's burial site. Now with minimal training, investigators can simply scan an area with FINDAR and locate hidden graves.

Samantha Weaver, a mother of two children, was last seen in June 2012. After a few years of following leads, the investigation narrowed and officials began to focus their attention on a particular property outside of Shawnee, Oklahoma. A shed near the back of the property was of particular interest. The OSBI was called in and used their FINDAR to assist local law enforcement with the investigation.

Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) officials surveyed the crime scene with FINDAR and were not disappointed with the technology's ability to deliver results. Under plywood and three feet of soil, a decomposing body was discovered.

“It's the most rewarding thing in the world,” notes Beth Green, a trained GPR operator for OSBI. “That is the whole reason why I'm in law enforcement - to help people and speak for people who cannot speak for themselves”.

Finding the body after three years is a significant turn of events for the investigation into the death of the Shawnee mother and will hopefully lead to a quick arrest and conviction.



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