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Report: Body of Unborn Baby Possibly Found in Tuscaloosa Sewer

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Reports are surfacing today about the potential discovery of a body of an unborn baby found in the sewer line in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. If true, it would be the second such report this year alone.

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From the [report](#):

A local company was doing plumbing work in the area of 7th Street and 15th Avenue and called authorities after seeing what looked like a human fetus in the drain line while checking the sewer for obstructions with a video camera, said Tuscaloosa County Metro Homicide Unit commander Capt. Loyd Baker.



Investigators arrived at the scene at about 1:30 p.m., but were unable to find the object after it moved within the line, Baker said.

A city sewer treatment truck also assisted at the scene, but its remote camera system was unable to find anything in the main sewer lines on 7th Street, Baker said.

A follow-up investigation will continue in the case, Baker said.

[Earlier this year, workers at a Fort Wayne water treatment facility](#)

[made a gruesome discovery](#) — the body of an unborn baby who Three Rivers Ambulance Authority paramedics believe was approximately 10 to 25 weeks old.

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Local media reports indicated the Allen County Coroner determined the unborn baby was 14-15 weeks gestation and the race and gender of the child was unable to be determined at the time of the examination. Although there is no indication how the baby's body wound up at the facility, Indiana Right to Life president Mike Fichter told LifeNews he believes the baby may have been chemically aborted and discarded in sewer.

He said Indiana Right to Life would ask the Indiana State Department of Health to revisit guidelines for disposing of the remains of aborted children in the wake of yesterday's discovery.

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