

Subway work in Greece unearths ancient gold wreath

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Excavation work during construction of a new subway network in Greece's second largest city has discovered an ancient wreath made of gold that was buried with a woman some 2,300 years ago.

[Archaeologists](#) say Friday's find in Thessaloniki occurred on the site of an ancient cemetery in the west of the northern port city.

A total 23,000 ancient and medieval artifacts have been found during [archaeological excavations](#) connected with the construction since 2006.

Archaeologist Vassiliki Misailidou said the olive branch wreath made of gold was buried in a simple, box-shaped woman's grave.

It dates to the late 4th or early 3rd century B.C.

Another eight golden wreaths were discovered in a single grave four years ago during subway work.

The much-delayed construction project is expected to be finished in 2017.

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