Hello All,

My initial response to this would be to investigate the recycle bin folder for the deleted photos. If nothing was found in the recycle bin then I would investigate restoring from a save point. Windows offers restore points to go back to in cases like this. It is only a matter if you have your computer configured to save restore points periodically is the key.

If nothing was found in the recycle bin and there was no restore point to pull a backup from then I would look into third party recovery tools such as “PhotoRec” or “Sleuthkit”. Using tools like this can help recover deleted content. By creating an image of the mother’s computer the examiner can then load the image file into one of these programs and hopefully uncover some of the deleted files.

As far as the renamed files go, window does have a feature to restore to a previous version. If the name was changed on the file I would initially just click the restore to previous version option and hopefully the name would be correct again, this might all prove valuable when trying to restore the drive with all the photos on it as well.

Thanks again ALL!

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PhotoRec Step By Step. (n.d.). Retrieved February 3, 2020, from https://www.cgsecurity.org/wiki/PhotoRec\_Step\_By\_Step