Media Release

For Immediate Release:
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Subject:
Skeletal Remains Found

Text:
The Sutter County Sheriff's Detectives are investigating the discovery of skeletal remains. The remains, including a skull, were spread over an area of about 200 square yards in a "jungly" area east of the river. The area is inside the river levee, about one-quarter mile southwest of Myrna Avenue on the east side of the river.

The skeletal remains were discovered by two hunters in the area and originally reported to the Yuba County Sheriff's Department around 7:19 hours on Thursday, October 23, 2008. It was dark by the time investigators reached the area so they sealed it off for the night and returned about noon on Friday. Suspecting they were not in Yuba County, investigators used GPS equipment and determined about 1 p.m. that the bones were in the jurisdiction of the Sutter County Sheriff's Department.

Although the age of the bones is not yet known, there is some indication they are not Native American. The Chico State University archaeologists are on scene assisting the investigators. Foul play is not suspected but has not been ruled out. The bones could be those of a homeless person or a drowning victim. Investigators are processing the site to determine the length of time that the remains have been there, the identity, and the cause of death.

The investigation is on going and there is no additional information at this time.

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