

## **Update 3: Human Remains**

*Thursday, April 1, 2010, 4:00 P.M.*

### **For Immediate Release:**

Sutter County Sheriff's Detectives are continuing their investigation into human remains that were first found in November 2009 and again in March 2010. Investigators are working with Sacramento Sheriff's Homicide and other area agencies in this investigation. The Sutter County Sheriff Department is the lead agency on this case.

On November 22, 2009, at 12:07 P. M., a severed leg was found in an area commonly called Beer Can Beach in Southern Sutter County. An examination of that leg by forensic pathologist disclosed that it bared several similarities to a leg that had been removed in a medical procedure. To double check that thesis, photographs of the leg were shown to another pathologist with the same conclusion. Sheriff's Detectives then continued their investigation on two tracks, one as a follow-up of possible illegal disposal of medical waste and the other investigative track as a possible homicide.

On December 11, 2009, at 4:08 P.M., a report of a possible body floating in the river south of Beer Can Beach was reported. A search by Boat Patrol and land units produced negative results.

On February, 26, 2010, 11:13 A.M., a decomposed torso minus the head, arms and legs was discovered in the Sacramento River in Southern Sacramento County.

On March 13, 2010, 6:10 P.M., two fishermen reported a discovery of possible human remains downriver from Beer Can Beach. Sutter County Deputies confirmed that the remains were two decomposed severed arms.

On March 14, 2010, 8:10 P.M., Sutter County Detectives located a decomposed human head in the same general location of the severed arms.

Later in March 2010, DNA tests confirmed that the leg found on November 22, 2010, and the torso found February 26, 2010, are in fact from the same person. DNA and other tests are still pending on the arms and head.

A partial description of the victim is:

- White Male Adult
- 40 to 60 years of age
- Average height and weight
- Long thinning grey hair pulled back in a pony tail fashion

Anyone with information regarding the circumstances of this case are urged to call Sutter County Sheriff's Detectives at (530) 822-7307 or "Leave a Tip" on the Sheriff's website at [www.suttersheriff.org](http://www.suttersheriff.org).

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