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HUMAN SKULL FOUND IN SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM

RIVERSIDE, CA – On May 12, at about 1030 hours, Riverside Police Homicide detectives responded to the area of Anza Narrows Park on Jurupa Avenue. Several weeks earlier, a transient living in the river bottom near the park found the skull but did not immediately report the find to police. He eventually brought the skull to another person who in turn notified police. The Riverside County Sheriff/Coroner took possession of the remains.

A search was conducted in coordination with the Coroner's Office and assistance from the Riverside County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit. Several dogs were brought in to search the area for additional body parts. None were located.

The skull will be examined by the Coroner's Office in an attempt to identify the remains. Based on preliminary information, the subject has been deceased for several years. There is no information as to cause of death.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact Detective Jim Brandt at 951-353-7137 or Detective Jim Simons at 951-353-7138.

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