

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION BULLETIN

OCTOBER 27, 1997

97-7013

SUBJECT: DEATH INVESTIGATION

Lt. Frank Vulich

On October 26, 1997 at about 1430 hours (2:30 PM), the Sheriff's Department, along with the Coroner's office and the assistance of the California Fish and Game, located a BODY in the Ryan Slough just north of the end of Park Street in Eureka, CA.

A Citizen canoeing on the slough observed and reported to law enforcement that a body was on the shoreline near the end of Park Street. A Deputy Coroner and a CA. F&G officer, using a F&G boat, located the body. The Sheriff's Department responded to investigate the incident. It is believed the body floated to its location. It is believed the body is that of a White Female Adult. There is no information or leads as to the identity of the person.

The investigation will be pursued as a homicide by the Sheriff's Detective Bureau. Any further information will be released by the Investigators when appropriate.

The Humboldt County Coroner's office will be conducting an autopsy in order to determine a cause of death.

At this time, no further information will be released.

Dennis Lewis, Sheriff
H.C. Sheriff's Dept.

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Subject: HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE REGARDING THE SANDRA ALBIANI CASE AND THE JANE DOE TORSO CASE.

CASE NUMBERS: 97-3626 AND 97-7013

Date: 1-16-98

THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE BUREAU IS CONTINUING THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THESE HOMICIDES.

THE ALBIANI CASE WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF SANDRA ALBIANI IS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. THERE IS EVIDENCE WHICH HAS BEEN DISCOVERED WHICH IS PRESERVED FOR THE CASE. AT THIS TIME THE EVIDENCE HAS NOT BEEN LINKED TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS.

THE JANE DOE TORSO CASE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. THE DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED MISSING PERSON CASES FROM CALIFORNIA AND AROUND THE COUNTRY WITH NO POSITIVE MATCH MADE WITH AN MISSING PERSON CASE AT THIS TIME. THERE IS ONE MISSING PERSON CASE ORIGINATING FROM SISKIYOU COUNTY WHICH HAS ENOUGH SIMILARITIES TO JUSTIFY A DNA PROFILE CHECK. THE RESULT WILL BE KNOWN IN SEVERAL MONTHS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TALKING TO HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY IN A SEARCH FOR A SIMILAR CASE. ALSO, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN SACRAMENTO HAS BEEN CONTACTED TO ASSIST WITH A PROFILE OF THE KILLER. THAT INVESTIGATION IS ALSO IN PROGRESS AND A REPORT WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN A FEW MONTHS. THE REPORT IS WAITING FOR THIS DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE CERTAIN TASKS WHICH HAVE BEEN STALLED BY BAD WEATHER.

Prepared By:
JUAN FREEMAN, INVESTIGATOR

DENNIS LEWIS, SHERIFF

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
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Subject:
FOUND HUMAN REMAINS

Case Number:
98-0583

Date:
1/29/98

Prepared By:
SGT. MICHAEL THOMAS

ON 1/29/98 AT APPROXIMATELY 1745 HOURS, TWO (2) CITIZENS CUTTING FIREWOOD ON CLAM BEACH IN MCKINLEYVILLE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE REMAINS OF A HUMAN ARM ON THE BEACH NEAR THE SHORE LINE. THEY CALLED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DEPUTIES RESPONDED TO THEIR LOCATION.

THE REMAINS OF THE HUMAN ARM WAS SECURED AND TRANSPORTED TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE IN EUREKA.

AT THIS TIME THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON IS UNKNOWN. SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATORS WILL CONDUCT FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CORONER.

ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SHERIFF'S DETECTIVE BUREAU.

DENNIS LEWIS, SHERIFF

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Subject: HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 97-7013

Date: 5-11-98

Prepared By:
JUAN FREEMAN, INVESTIGATOR

ON MAY 5TH, 1998, MEMBERS OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S RESERVE POSSE CONDUCTED AN EXPERIMENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHERE AND WHEN THE FEMALE TORSO JANE DOE VICTIM, LOCATED OCTOBER 26, OF LAST YEAR, WAS PLACED INTO THE FRESHWATER SLOUGH SYSTEM BY THE KILLER.

THIRTY-ONE GUNNY SACKS WERE FILLED WITH WOOD CHIPS AND A FLOATATION DEVICE AND WERE NUMBERED WITH FLORESCENT PAINT. THEY WERE WEIGHTED TO WITHIN A POUND OR TWO OF THE VICTIM'S WEIGHT AT THE TIME OF RECOVERY. MARINE DEPUTY ROY REYNOLDS CALCULATED THE TIDES TO SIMULATE THE TIDES OF OCTOBER 25TH AND 26TH, 1997, AND DEPUTIES PREPARED THE SACKS FOR DISTRIBUTION INTO THE SLOUGHS FROM THE MOST LIKELY LOCATIONS BELIEVED TO CAUSE A BODY TO COME TO REST WHERE THE VICTIM WAS RECOVERED. ALL PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED DATES FOR THIS OPERATION HAD BEEN RAINED OUT.

THE OPERATION BEGAN ON MAY 5TH AT ABOUT 0800 HRS AND CONCLUDED ON MAY 6TH AT ABOUT 1000 HRS. THE SACKS WERE PLACED INTO THE WATER AT FOUR LOCATIONS PERIODICALLY OVER THE COURSE OF MAY 5TH; THEN WERE MONITORED FROM LAND AND FROM BOATS UNTIL THE SACKS WERE RECOVERED ON MAY 6TH.

THE RESULTS OF THIS OPERATION ARE THAT WE NOW HAVE TWO POSSIBLE LOCATIONS AS TO WHERE AND WHEN THE VICTIM MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED INTO THE SLOUGH SYSTEM.

THIS INFORMATION WAS RELAYED TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROFILING SECTION. THE PROFILE OF THIS CASE IS PENDING THE DISCOVERY OF THE IDENTITY OF THE VICTIM.

ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST WHICH IS LEARNED WILL BE REPORTED.

DENNIS LEWIS, SHERIFF

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
NEWS MEDIA RELEASE**

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

November 4, 1998

CASE: 97- 7013 and 98- 6737

BY: Gary Philp, Chief Deputy

Investigators of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department and the Humboldt County District Attorneys Office, with the assistance of the local California Department of Justice Forensic Crime Lab, are following up on information received within the past twenty four hours which relates to the on going investigation of the human torso found in the Ryan Slough back on October 26, 1997.

On Tuesday evening November 3, 1998 a subject came to our office in Eureka asking to speak with officers concerning his possible criminal activities. The subject subsequently provided our officers with information concerning the human torso case .

Based upon information obtained from the subject, and some physical evidence discovered that helps to corroborate his story, the subject was arrested and booked on a charge of murder.

Arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on a charge of 187 PC (Murder) is:

Wayne Adam Ford 36 years old of Arcata

The investigation is on going at this time. Other information pertinent to this case will be made a matter of a later press release at the appropriate time.

DENNIS LEWIS, SHERIFF