



News Release

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Human Remains Identified

On March 9th, human skeletal remains were located in a wooded area, east of the 900 block of Delphi Road SW, west of Olympia, in unincorporated Thurston County. In addition to the skeleton, the site also yielded a Levi jacket, flannel shirt, stone washed pants, a sock and a pair of shoes.

The Thurston County Coroner's Office, with assistance from a forensic anthropologist with the King County Medical Examiner's office has identified the deceased as follows:

Gary Edward SKINNER, a 59-year-old Tumwater resident who was last seen in Tumwater on September 13th, 2005. Mr. SKINNER was reported as missing to the Tumwater Police Department in October of 2005 by his sister and legal guardian who resided out of state.

The cause and manner of death is still undetermined and under investigation by the Thurston County Coroner's Office and the Thurston County Sheriff's Office.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is encouraged to telephone Sheriff's Detective Dave Haller at 360-786-5279 or Thurston County Crime Stoppers at 360-493-2222.

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Submitted: Lt. Chris Mealy

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