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SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



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On May 28th, 2017, a citizen reported finding a human jawbone on the shoreline of Lake Spaulding. A subsequent search of the immediate area, utilizing Search & Rescue ground team members and the Sheriffs' Dive Team, resulted in the recovery of a human skull and ten additional bones believed to be human. The mandible, complete with teeth, was later sent to a Forensic Odontologist in Walnut Creek, CA for examination and charting.

The Sheriffs' Office was aware that on December 22nd, 2016, the California Highway Patrol (Gold Run Office) had investigated a hit and run incident near the intersection of Hwy 20 and Interstate 80. During that incident, the driver of the involved vehicle fled on foot from the officers and was last seen heading north towards Lake Spaulding. The driver was identified as Ruendi Amarro Ibarra age 26 of Stockton, CA, but was never located. On January 6th, 2017 a missing person's report was filed with the Stockton Police Department by Ibarra's relatives.

A request was made for the Forensic Odontologist to conduct a comparison to records recovered for Ibarra and on July 12th, 2017 a positive match was established. Later that evening the Stockton Police Department notified Ibarra's family of his death.

The End

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