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PRESS RELEASE

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FROM: Bill Elliott, Chief of Police
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Subject: Human remains found on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

On January 11, 2021, Warm Springs Tribal Police Department (WSTPD) Officers were dispatched a remote location along Tenino Road on a report of the discovery of human remains.

Upon arriving at the location, WSTPD officers met with the citizen who had called, who stated that while salvaging some wood from an old dock they noticed a round item on the ground. The citizen stated they rolled the item with their foot, at which time noticed it appeared to be a human skull.

WSTPD Officers secured the site, and WSTPD detectives did a cursory search of the area and located several other bones that were of interest. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was notified, and FBI Agents from their Bend, Or Office, and their Evidence Response Team (ERT) responded to work with the WSTPD in processing the site.

A cadaver dog was requested from another local agency to assist in the search of the area. Information is limited at this time, with a timeframe of one to ten years being given as to how long the remains had been at this location, this based on some preliminary examinations by the medical examiner's office.

The WSTPD will be cross checking our database for missing / runaway persons from the last 10 years to ensure none are outstanding, and will be investigating this matter with the FBI.

If anyone has any information related to this matter, please contact the WSTPD tip line at 541-553-2202.

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