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Re: Press Release

On August 15, 1978 the Jackson County Sheriff's Office was notified of a human skull, which was located by loggers in a remote wooded area in the Township of Knapp near Village of Warrens, WI. A post-style earring was located near the remains. In 1978, investigators attempted to identify the origin of the earring without success. Since 1978 the human remains are unidentified.

With assistance from National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) and the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification (UNT), an anthropological report of the remains was conducted. As a result of the examination, it is estimated the remains are that of a white male, approximately 28-52 years old.

A computer generated reconstruction was created by a forensic artist. The reconstruction is a scientific approximation of how the victim may have appeared in 1978. The victim's hairstyle, presence or absence of a beard, mustache, eyeglasses and eye color are unknown.

This person is believed to be a victim of a homicide. A DNA profile and dental records are available and have been entered into NCIC and NamUs databases.

This case is being investigated by Jackson County Sheriff's Office and the Wisconsin Department of Justice- Division of Criminal Investigation. Law enforcement is attempted to identify this person; anyone with information about the identity of this person or the circumstances of the homicide should contact the Jackson County Sheriff's Office at (715) 284-9009.

Sheriff Duane Waldera