



KANAWHA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

301 VIRGINIA STREET EAST

CHARLESTON, WV. 25301

304-357-0169

Sheriff Michael Y. Rutherford

Chief Deputy Joseph H. Crawford

NEWS / MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

December 4, 2024.

Contact: Sergeant Joshua L. Lester

joshualester@kcsso.us

Phone: 304.357.0732 office

681.910.3649 cell

Kanawha County Sheriff's Office Investigates Discovery of Human Remains

Elkview, WV- The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office is actively investigating the discovery of human remains near the Young's Bottom area, 5300 block of Elk River Road, on November 29, 2024.

A man walking in the area on November 28th saw the bones over a hillside and believed they were the remains of a dead animal. The man was concerned about what he saw and returned to the area the following day for a closer look, and that's when it became clear the bones were human.

Our detectives have been in the area for several days processing the scene and are working diligently to identify the remains and determine the circumstances surrounding this discovery. Currently, we believe the body is female, and the death could have occurred on or around September 8, 2024. This information is based on active investigations around the area and cannot be confirmed until the West Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner verifies the person's identity. In the meantime, we ask citizens of that area to review any surveillance video that may have captured any suspicious activity or any unknown females from that time frame.

We understand the community may have concerns and will provide updates as soon as additional information becomes available.

If you have any information that may assist in this investigation, please contact the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office at 304-357-0556 or submit a tip through https://www.kanawhasheriff.us/law-enforcement/tip_line/.



Follow us on

www.kanawhasheriff.us