

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Homicide Investigation

Case: 201404875 update #2

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On 10-18-2014, the Humboldt County Coroner's Office conducted an autopsy on the deceased body located off US 101 near Alderpoint Road, Garberville. The autopsy revealed the body was a male and he died of gunshot wounds. The case is now being investigated as a homicide.

The Humboldt County Coroner's Office is close to identifying the deceased male and upon confirmation and notification of next of kin, will publicly release the identity.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate the case. Humboldt County Sheriff's Detective Jennifer Turner is the lead investigator and is requesting anyone with information regarding this homicide to call her at 707-268-3642 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Previous update #1

Sheriff's Office Detectives and the Humboldt County Coroner's Office continue to investigate the death of a human body located off US 101 near Alderpoint Road, Garberville. The gender and identity of the deceased, along with the cause of death has not been determined due to the body's decomposition.

An autopsy is being scheduled in the near future to assist investigators in determining the cause of death. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

Previous

On 10-14-2014, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a 911 regarding a possible deceased male at a transient camp off Sprowel Creek Road near the Alderpoint Crossing, Garberville.

Deputies responded to the area described by the caller and located a deceased male. Due to body being partially concealed, Sheriff's Office Detectives were notified and requested to respond to the scene along with the Humboldt County Coroner prior to moving the deceased. At this time the cause of death is known, and it is being treated as a suspicious death. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this investigation or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey Sheriff

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