Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Death Investigation Update

Cases: 200908181

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Humboldt County Sheriff's Detectives are continuing the investigation into the death of a man discovered yesterday morning on the Mad River bar near Boyd Road, Arcata. The decedent has been identified as 47-year-old David Earl Sanford. The case is considered suspicious. Mr. Sanford had sustained visible injuries, although a cause of death has not been determined yet. In order to protect the integrity of the investigation, the Sheriff's Office is not releasing the nature of Mr. Sanford's injuries. An autopsy is tentatively scheduled for later this week.

Additional information will be released as it become available and appropriate. Anyone with information about this case should call Detective Troy Garey at (707) 268-3643.

(NOTE: The correct case number is 200908181)

Gary Philp
Sheriff

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