

## **Humboldt County Sheriff's Office**

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**Date:** August 5, 2011 From: Lt. Dave Morey

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Subject: Homicide/ Death Investigation Case: 201104203

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Thursday July 28, 2011 at about 1910 hours, Deputies from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 2400 block of Dyerville Loop Road, near the Seventh Day Adventist Church Camp. Deputies responded to meet with a subject who found what he thought to be a human body in the Eel River, while he was out walking. Deputies met with the reporting party at about 7:50 p.m. and were led to the suspected body. Deputies confirmed the remains to be human and the Humboldt County Coroner and Detectives from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office responded and recovered the body from the water.

On Thursday August 4, 2011 an autopsy was performed on the remains and the cause of death was determined to be that of a homicide. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has assumed the investigative roll in this case. The exact method of death is not being released at this time. The name of the victim is not being released until a positive identification can be made and family members contacted once that identification is made.

The lead investigator in this case is Detective Kyla Smith. Anyone who may have information pertaining to this investigation is encouraged to telephone her at 707-268-3643.