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Subject: Remains found in 2017 identified

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has identified remains discovered last year near the College of the Redwoods as that of missing person Lucas Dale Blake-Williams.

Blake-Williams was reported missing to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office on Oct. 9, 2015 by his girlfriend. He was last seen being dropped off at the College of the Redwoods' Eureka campus. Blake-Williams was 37 at the time he went missing and was a McKinleyville resident.

On Sept. 26, 2017, at about 4:30 p.m., a PG&E wildlife biologist supervising a nearby PG&E project found skeletal remains and clothing items in the wooded area east of the College of the Redwoods main campus.

A DNA sample from the remains was submitted to the Department of Justice for comparison and returned as a positive match for Blake-Williams.

Blake-Williams' cause and manner of death are undetermined at this time, however foul play is not suspected.