



Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Coroners Service

BCCS Case No.: 2006-178-0038

Police File: 2006-694

Police Department: Salt Spring Island
RCMP

REPORT OF NON-CORONER'S CASE

REGARDING THE DEATH OF

UNIDENTIFIED

Surname

Archaeological Remains

Given Names

Date of Death: Unknown

Date of Birth: Unknown

Death Reported by: RCMP

INITIAL EITHER STATEMENT (A) OR (B)

(A) WHERE NO MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DEATH IS REQUIRED:



THE ABOVE WAS REPORTED TO ME, HOWEVER, REMAINS DEEMED ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ON THE BASIS OF MY INVESTIGATION, I BELIEVE THAT NONE OF THE CRITERIA MENTIONED IN SECTION 9 OF THE *CORONERS ACT* ARE PRESENT. THEREFORE PURSUANT TO SECTION 17(1) OF THE *CORONERS ACT*, I HAVE DETERMINED THAT AN INQUEST OR INQUIRY IS UNNECESSARY.

7 April, 2006

Date

Honey Forbes

Coroner's Printed Name

Coroner Signature

NOTE: IF THE BODY IS TO BE SHIPPED OUT OF THE PROVINCE, A COPY OF THE DEATH REGISTRATION AND THE SHIPMENT CERTIFICATE MUST BE ATTACHED.

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Honey Forbes

From: "Forbes, Honey SG:EX" <Honey.Forbes@gov.bc.ca>
To: s.22
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 9:09 AM
Subject: FW: Found Human Remains 2006-05B Grace Islet, Saltspring Island

-----Original Message-----

From: Pike, Jim TSA:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2006 3:30 PM
To: Kenny, Ray TSA:EX; Forbes, Honey SG:EX
Cc: Spafford, Jim G TSA:EX
Subject: Found Human Remains 2006-05B Grace Islet, Saltspring Island

FYI and File Note (I have assigned 2006-05B to this incident)

Wednesday, March 5, 2005 ~ 4:30 PM received a telephone call from Duncan Coroner, Honey Forbes (phone s.17 reporting unidentified human remains from Grace Island (or Islet) in Ganges Harbour, Saltspring Island. Coroner's case # 06-178-0038.

Confirmed human remains represented by a weathered human mandible with some dentition still present - molars worn flat (marked occlusal wear, no dental intervention, no soft tissue remaining). Remains had been brought into Saltspring RCMP by s.22 who had rowed out to the small rocky islet the previous night. They reported having found the material on a ledge or outcrop about 20' above the high tide line, reported having seen some other bone like material which they thought might possibly be ribs or vertebrae. Some additional material was also brought in, but the parties were uncertain if this represented bone or possibly other organic material (wood).

Coroner Forbes went out to the islet with the RCMP and while on site were in contact with the informant through a cell-phone so that they received an excellent description of the find locality such that they had no doubt they were at the as-found location.

I checked the office 1:50,000 mapping and advised Forbes that "Grace Islet" as marked on our map does not correspond with any previously recorded archaeological site. The description of the remains (worn molars) is consistent with an adult aboriginal person who had a traditional lifestyle/diet. The find locality is also consistent with the known range of traditional aboriginal mortuary practice within the culture area (box or tree burials on small rocky islets, also cleft and crevice burials in rocky areas).

Forbes was to send copies of her photographs related to this case (now received and forwarded to Ray Kenny. File now assigned to my colleague, Jim Spafford.

With respect to disposition, I have asked Forbes to ask the RCMP to continue to provide secure storage, until First Nations wishes may be ascertained.

James Pike
Project Officer

April 6, 2005

4/7/2006



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
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SUDDEN DEATH REPORT

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File No.

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One copy to Coroner One copy to file

Responded By s.22		Relatives		Address "Ella Gert" Ganges Harbour Salt Spring Island BC	
Phase No. s.22	Date Reported (Y/M/D) 2006-04-04	Time		Location of Occurrence Grace Islet	
Details Taken By Col. MACLEAN		Member Assigned Col. MACLEAN		Zone	
Mental/Alc Scene Col. ELLIS		Other Agencies Notified			
Name unknown		Address			
Birth Place		Birth Date (Y/M/D)		Nationality	
Nature of Death		Date (Y/M/D)		Time	
Next of Kin		Address		Phone No.	
Relationship		Notified <input type="checkbox"/>		Date (Y/M/D) Time	
Date Coroner Notified (Y/M/D) Time		Coroner's Name Honey FORBES		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry <input type="checkbox"/> Request	
Autopsy Date (Y/M/D)		Time		Location	
Autopsy Performed By		Number Present		Exhibit Seized <input type="checkbox"/>	
Coronary Doctor		Address			
Primary Doctor		Address			
Body Transported By		To			
CPI Checked (Y/N) No.		Persephered <input type="checkbox"/>		NCO Assigned (name)	
Isone Number					
Last Seen By		Relationship		Address	
Recent Medical History					
Onset/Date of Death					
Alcohol or Medication at Scene (provide name of prescription and doctor)		Exhibit Seized <input type="checkbox"/>			
Recent History of Injury					
Activities Prior to Collapse					
Description and Location of Body		s.22 found the bones 20 feet above the high water mark on the east side of Grace Islet. The bones were taken to Salt Spring Island RCMP where they were seized and made into an exhibit.			
Clothing on Body					
Personal Effects (e.g. alcohol or drugs)					
Environment at Scene (temperature, etc.)					
Non ICS users Use 1824 for Remarks		Investigating Member Col. MACLEAN		Date (Y/M/D) 2006-04-05	
		Sgt WILLIS		Date (Y/M/D) 2006-04-05	

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