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## April 6 Breaking News: Human skull found in Holden woods

Police search for other remains  
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HOLDEN — Massachusetts State Police and Holden Police were on Reservoir Street in Holden Tuesday morning with search dogs from the Massachusetts State Police looking for more human remains after a skull was found there Saturday.

Holden Police Chief George Sherrill confirmed Monday that a skull found in a remote area off Reservoir Street is human. It was found by a runner who reported it at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The skull was brought to the state medical examiner's office in Worcester and



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then to Boston for examination by a forensic anthropologist.

The ME's office in Boston could not provide details on the case Monday. Investigators are waiting for more information from the ME's office.

"It could be ancient, it could be a missing person, we don't know yet," Sherrill said.

Further details such as the age, race and sex of the skull, as well as how long it's been exposed to the elements will guide the investigation, Sherrill said.

Massachusetts State Police are assisting in the investigation.

It's not the first time human remains have been found in the woods in Holden, Sherrill said. Past incidents have usually, however, involved someone missing or a suicide, and remains have been quickly identified. The town is not currently looking for any missing persons, Sherrill said.

Worcester County district attorney spokesman Timothy Connolly said any discussions of other missing persons was premature.

"I think at this point we don't want to get into any speculation in identifying the skull," Connolly said.

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