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Answers sought in skull discovery

Search for remains begins near reservoir

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HOLDEN — A human skull was found Saturday night in a wooded area of town, according to a press release from the office of Worcester District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr.

A jogger found the skull off Reservoir Street and called police at 6:49 p.m., according to Holden Police Chief George R. Sherrill. It was removed from the area and state and local police have been searching and will continue to search the area.

"We're looking for any other human remains that might be in those woods. I anticipate we will have more to say later this week," Mr. Early said in a press release.

The skull has been positively identified as human by the state office of the chief medical examiner, and the office is working to determine the sex, age and race of the deceased, according to a press release from Holden police.

Chief Sherrill said Holden police have a missing person case on the books involving a Holden resident, but he declined to discuss the matter.

"We need to get the facts from the medical examiner's office," he said.

"We don't want to get people's hopes up, and we don't want to alarm people either."

Reservoir Street starts just past the Worcester line, hugs the reservoirs that supply the city of Worcester with its drinking water, and continues to the center of town.

The district attorney's office did not release a specific address near where the skull was found, but a passer-by who asked not to be identified said she was driving yesterday by the corner of Stonehouse Hill Road and Reservoir Street, near the city of Worcester's water treatment plant, when she saw what appeared to be several marked and unmarked police vehicles parked by the side of the northbound lane.

Detective Sgt. Christopher Carey and Officers Adam Porcaro and Jonathan Santimore of the Holden Police Department have been assigned to the investigation.

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