Body discovered in wooded, remote area; homicide suspected

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A multi-agency investigation led by Oregon State Police (OSP) detectives is continuing in connection with the discovery of a partially decomposed body discovered Sunday afternoon in a remote, wooded area south of Highway 6 in the Browns Camp Campground area of the Tillamook State Forest, about one hour west of Portland. Officers are proceeding as if the case is a homicide.Results of an autopsy completed today by the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office did not reveal a positive identification of the body, but the results did yield some new information.

The body is that of a Caucasian or Hispanic male in his late 20s to early 30s, 5-foot 6-inches tall with a small build, with very short dark hair. The man was wearing blue jeans; and a white â€œPumaâ€• running-style sock with a black sole, gray horizontal stripe above the black sole, and the word PUMA in large letters on the outside forward of the opening.

Preliminary investigation indicates there was an attempt to prevent positive identification but detectives declined to go into further details due to the ongoing investigation. Detectives are proceeding as if this is a homicide investigation unless other information is learned later to indicate otherwise. Washington County 911 dispatch received a report about 7 p.m. Sunday from people walking in the area about five miles south of Highway 6 who discovered the body, troopers said. Detectives were on scene Monday morning to begin the investigation. Oregon State Police detectives are being assisted by the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office; Tillamook County District Attorney's Office; and members of the Washington County Major Crime Team represented by detectives from Washington County Sheriff Office and Hillsboro Police Department. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Oregon State Police Northern Command Center dispatch at 800-452-7888.

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