



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF

MEDIA RELEASE

BOB BROOKS, Sheriff

web site: www.vcsd.org

Nature of Incident: Apparent Homicide

Location: Lockwood Valley Road, between mile markers 14 and 15

Date & Time: Saturday, March 6, 2004, at approximately 3:25 pm

Unit Responsible: Major Crimes

Description: Deputies responded to a call of a suspicious container found off the side of the road in Lockwood Valley. Major Crimes detectives arrived to begin the investigation, but given the remote nature of the area and the late time of day, processing the scene was postponed until Sunday. Major Crimes detectives, BI personnel, and Medical Examiner staff spent most of the day Sunday processing what was determined to be a crime scene.

It has been confirmed that human remains were found in the container. Further information is being withheld pending an autopsy, scheduled for Monday morning. The investigation is continuing, and is waiting results from the Medical Examiner's Office.

If the suspect is not known, please add the following paragraph to this news release: Ventura County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and criminal complaint against the person(s) responsible for this crime. The caller may remain anonymous. The call is not recorded. Call Crime Stoppers at 494-TALK (Thousand Oaks/Moorpark) or 385-TALK (Camarillo/Oxnard/Port Hueneme).

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