
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Coroners Service

REMAINS FOUND NEAR CAMPBELL RIVER NOT HUMAN

BURNABY – The BC Coroners Service (BCCS) has confirmed remains found on June 18, 2008 in a shoe near Campbell River are not human.

BCCS, a forensic pathologist and an anthropologist have examined the shoe and remains, and determined a skeletonised animal paw was inserted into the shoe with a sock and packed with dried seaweed.

It is the position of BCCS that this type of hoax is reprehensible and very disrespectful to the families of missing persons. It fuels inappropriate speculation and creates undue anxiety for families and communities while wasting valuable investigative time and resources that could be spent on the main investigations.

The Coroners Service is no longer investigating this incident.

Investigations into the other five cases are ongoing. No further information is available at this time.

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