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DNA ANALYSIS CONFIRMS POSITIVE ID ON SEVENTH FOOT

BURNABY – Through DNA analysis, the BC Coroners Service has confirmed the remains of a right foot, found Oct. 27, 2009, is that of a deceased male from the Lower Mainland.

The foot was found on the beach at No. 6 Rd. and Triangle Rd. in Richmond.

In January 2008, a 25-year-old male was reported missing to RCMP by his family. Based on the investigation into the circumstances of his disappearance and personal history, investigators do not believe foul play was involved. The man's identity is being withheld at the request of his family.

The RCMP, Delta Police Department and Coroners Service continue their investigations to determine the identities associated with other found feet. These include a female pair found in Richmond, which was matched in December 2008; a male pair found on Valdez Island and Westham Island, matched in July 2008; and a male right foot found on Gabriola Island in August 2007.

In all cases, these remains appear to have naturally separated (disarticulated) from the body. There is no forensic evidence at this time to support anything other than disarticulation.

The Coroners Service and police use information on physical characteristics from exams by forensic pathologists and anthropologists, along with DNA analysis of the feet, in order to build the most enhanced profile possible for each. Found remains profiles are maintained in a provincial database for future comparisons until identifications are determined.

No further information is available from the Coroners Service at this time.

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