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Death Investigation

Detectives from the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff continue to investigate a death that was reported on September 3, 2019.

That day, at about 8:56 AM, Delta Station Deputy Sheriffs responded to a call regarding a possible dead body. The caller reported to dispatch that the location was in the area of Byron Highway near Herdlyn Road in Byron. Deputies arrived on scene and located a female body on the side of a dirt road in a field. She was confirmed to be deceased.

The body was later identified as 56-year-old Beverly Johnson. An autopsy was performed. The cause of death is still being investigated.

Johnson was a transient who was said to hitch rides around California. She was found wearing a white shirt and black sweatpants. She is described as a white female, 5’, 6”, approximately 115 pounds, with brown colored hair and eyes.

Anyone with any information on this case is asked to contact the Office of the Sheriff Investigation Division at (925) 313-2600. For any tips, email: tips@so.cccounty.us or call (866) 846-3592 to leave an anonymous voice message.

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For more information, please call:
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