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INVESTIGATION INTO DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS

BUENA PARK, Calif. — On Sunday 3/5/17 at appx 5:45pm, the Buena Park Police Department responded to a residence in the 8200 block of Commonwealth Avenue in the city of Buena Park, regarding the discovery of what appeared to be human remains. The resident had been digging in the back yard, and came across bones in the dirt a few feet from the surface. The resident notified the police, and responding officers confirmed that the bones appeared to be human. The Orange County Sheriff/Coroner's Office was notified, and responded to the scene. At daybreak, a cadaver dog was brought in to search the lot, but no additional remains were located. The remains were collected by the Coroner's Office investigators for further examination. At this point, the remains are unidentified and the cause of death is unknown. The case is under investigation by detectives from the Buena Park Police Department in conjunction with the Orange County Sheriff/Coroner's Office.

UPDATED INFORMATION, as of 4:00pm Monday 3/6/2017:

Based on the evidence found at the scene and further analysis of the human remains, the Orange County Coroner's Office investigators were able to quickly determine that the remains located on Sunday evening in Buena Park were indeed of Native American descent, and had been interred at this location for a considerable amount of time. There is no evidence of criminal activity, and the investigation will be closed. In order to respect the considerations of the Native



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American culture, arrangements will be made with the Native American Heritage Commission as to the final disposition of the remains.

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