

YOLO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

Re:	Remains Removed from Woodland City Cemetery
Date:	March 21, 2008

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Deputies from the Coroner Section of the Yolo County Sheriff's Department had a third human remain excavated in order to obtain DNA. Two remains were previously excavated from Memorial Park on January 9th of this year. Various Coroner Deputies and Interns went to Woodland City Cemetery on Thursday to exhume the body of an unidentified person who died in 1993. They were accompanied by Paul Wiggins, Funeral Director at McNary's Chapel Inc. in Woodland, who over-saw the process, as required by law.

The decedent, an unidentified male who is believed to be a transient, was found on February 14, 1993, in the bushes outside the Welcome Grove Mobile Home Park in West Sacramento at 9:44 in the morning. He was five feet eight inches tall and weighed one hundred sixty one pounds. The nationality of the decedent was Caucasian and he was believed to be between thirty and forty years old. His hair and eye colors were brown. He had two distinguishing marks; a tattoo of a cross with the word Fredy on one arm and a tattoo of a bearded man's face and the word Anna on the other arm.

Chief Deputy Coroner, Robert LaBrash plans to take sample DNA from the decedent and will forward it to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to be entered into their database. The DOJ will also check for a DNA with hopes of matching it with that of a family member. Fifteen years ago, obtaining DNA samples was not a common practice. Recent California State law requires DNA to be provided from all unidentified bodies for use in determining a human remains' identity.

Sheriff Prieto stated, "Our Coroner's Section personnel are working with the Department of Justice, supplying DNA of the county's unidentified persons in order to bring closure to these decedent's family members. Since 1960 we have had twenty-two cases of unidentified bodies. Each decedent has a parent, sibling, or child somewhere, worried and concerned about them."

If you have any information regarding the identity of this individual please contact the Yolo County Sheriff's Department, Coroner's Section at 530-668-5280.