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Identification made of recovered body

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives, working in conjunction with the Kitsap County Coroner, have identified the remains of an adult woman found floating in Kitsap waters of Puget Sound last Sunday (01/15/2006).

Utilizing the resources of the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab in Olympia, a positive identification was made of the body of Shanan Lynn Read, age 33, whose last known address was in the unincorporated area of King County. Read had not been reported as a missing person to any law enforcement agency.

Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives have initiated an investigation into Read's death, which has been categorized as suspicious. Contact with Read was last known to have occurred in September 2005.

Read was found floating in waters south of Bainbridge Island, in the early afternoon, approximately half way between the South Kitsap community of Manchester and Blake Island. A passing boater notified waterborne Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife officers, who located the corpse and remained on-scene until a Sheriff's Office Marine Services Unit boat was dispatched and recovered the remains.

Read's body was subsequently transferred into the custody of the Coroner's Office. An autopsy was performed on Monday. A determination regarding the cause and manner of death has not been made.

In addition to coordinating with Puget Sound area law enforcement agencies, Sheriff's detectives are requesting the assistance of the general public in this investigation.

Persons with **any information** about Read are asked to contact Detective Lori Blankenship at (360) 337-5615 or Kitsap County Central Communications (911 dispatch) at (360) 308-5400.

Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-CRIME-13.

Read's physical description was indicated in the Washington State Department of Licensing as being: 5' 08" ht., 130 lbs. wt., brown-colored eyes.



Shanana Lynn Read

Date of photograph: 04/15/2005

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