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Investigation started concerning found remains

East Bremerton, Wash. – Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives have initiated an investigation into the presence of apparent human remains that were discovered inside the passenger compartment of a burned vehicle earlier today.

The vehicle was reported to be fully engulfed in fire, late last night, inside Illahee State Park. The park is located on the shore of Port Orchard Bay in East Bremerton

Engine units from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue responded to a campsite in the park following 9-1-1 notification by a park ranger. Sheriff's patrol deputies were advised about the fire as an information broadcast but did not respond. Once the fire was extinguished the scene was turned over to the fire marshal's office for further investigation.

Late this morning Sheriff's detectives were notified by the fire marshal's office of the possibility of human remains inside the vehicle. Detectives responded to the park and started their investigation. The presence of human remains inside a burned vehicle is being investigated as a suspicious death.

The remains have been turned over to the Kitsap County Coroner for identification. An autopsy will be performed to determine cause and manner of death.

The charred vehicle appears to be an older model four-door passenger car. The cause of the vehicle fire remains under investigation by the Kitsap County Fire Marshal.

Persons who believe that they may have information concerning this investigation are asked to contact Detective Mike Rodrigue at (360) 337-4479.

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