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NEWS RELEASE

CORONER HOPES FORENSIC ARTIST'S SKETCH WILL HELP IDENTIFY MAN FOUND IN 1993

Assignment Editors: We appreciate any help you can provide by publicizing the sketch and case summary in order to find someone with information regarding the identity of this man.

Sacramento, CA -- The Sacramento County Coroner's Office is seeking help from the public to identify a black male whose skeletal remains were found in 1993. Efforts to identify him through traditional forensics could not lead to a positive identification due to the advanced state of decomposition. Barbara Anderson, forensic artist for the Sacramento Police Department, recently released a sketch of how we believe the man looked. Anderson's work resulted in the positive identification of another man in 2006.

Sacramento County Coroner Robert Lyons hopes the sketch and information about the case will lead to a positive identification. "Even though fifteen years have elapsed since this individual died, we believe someone will remember him and help bring closure to his loved ones," says Lyons.

Case summary:

The man was discovered on August 31, 1993 in a vacant field near Bannon and North B Streets in Sacramento. His estimated age at death was between 40 and 60. He was 5'2" to 5'6" tall and had a scar on his forehead above the left eye associated with a surgical procedure. X-rays showed he had suffered from numerous bone fractures in his life indicating a history of many accidents or assaults. The Coroner was unable to determine the cause of death.

Anyone with information about the identity of this man is encouraged to call the Sacramento County Coroner's Office at 874-9320. For details about other Sacramento County Coroner's unidentified cases, go to www.saccounty.net/coroner.

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