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Human remains discovered during ground search

East Bremerton, Wash. -- A second ground search of a section of East Bremerton, encompassing Illahee State Park and surrounding properties, led to the discovery of human remains this morning.

It is believed that the remains are those of Kara Lynn Radabah, 19, of East Bremerton. Kara was reported missing from the family residence May 13.

A canine search team found the remains, just before 10:00 a.m., close to a creek bed in a deep and heavily forested ravine at the north end of Illahee State Park, approximately 400 to 500 yards south of NE Steinman Lane.

The location site was difficult to access. It took some time for detectives to climb down into the ravine, analyze the scene and obtain initial photographs, then return to the incident command post & SAR mission staging area.

Although the Kitsap County Coroner will make formal confirmation of the identity of the remains, sheriff's detectives strongly believe that Kara has, at last, been found.

The Radabah family was notified of the discovery shortly after their arrival at the incident command post. Family members were able to identify, from photographs, clothing found at the scene as belonging to Kara.

The coroner will make a determination as to cause and manner of death. It is likely that a forensic anthropologist will be requested to assist.

Sheriff's crime scene investigators processed the location site since this is a death investigation. At this time, however, there is no reason to suspect that criminal actions were involved in Kara's disappearance and demise.

Thirty-three volunteers conducted the SAR ground search mission, representing the following agencies:

- Washington Explorer Search and Rescue, Kitsap Unit.
- All Breeds Canine Search and Rescue Group of Kitsap County.
- German Shepherd Search Dogs of Washington State (from Pierce County).

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