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HUMAN REMAINS LOCATED DURING SEARCH OF CLAIREMONT MESA WEST RESIDENCE

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department Adult Missing Persons Unit has located human remains found in the rear yard of a residence at 5608 Tamres Drive in San Diego.

The Missing Persons Unit recently received a report from a concerned citizen that human remains might be found in the rear yard of the address listed above. The reporting party, who will remain anonymous, is a friend of the family who resides on Tamres Drive. The source revealed to police that the elderly female, who formerly lived at this location, had passed away 15 years ago and was subsequently buried in the backyard. The reporting party learned this information from recent conversations with family members. The Adult Missing Persons Unit assumed the investigation and immediately verified that there was no "Record of Death" or other documentation to verify a death had occurred during this time period. However, believing that the citizen's information was credible, they began an excavation of the rear yard yesterday morning.

Yesterday at about 3:30 p.m., while digging in an area approximately 8 feet square, authorities discovered what are believed to be the human remains of the 82-year-old female. The remains were transported to the Medical Examiner's Office for forensic examination. The decision to bury the decedent in the yard, and the persons responsible for that decision, will continue to be the focus of this investigation. The identity of the decedent, and more specific information related to the death is pending report from the Medical Examiner's Office. An autopsy is scheduled for this afternoon to determine the decedent's cause and manner of death.

Anyone with information is asked to telephone the San Diego Police Department's Missing Persons Unit at (619) 531-2293.

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