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PRESS RELEASE

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Randle Area Investigation into Human Remains

Detectives are investigating the discovery of human remains located in a burned vehicle in the Randle area yesterday. At approximately 1152 hours on April 13th 2023, Lewis County Communications received a call from a driver sent to impound a burned abandoned vehicle on a spur road located approximately 3 miles off of Forest Road 25. The driver indicated it appeared there were human remains in the vehicle, which was later confirmed.

Sheriff's Office personnel responded, and initiated an investigation into the remains, Sheriff's Office personnel, along with the Lewis County Coroner's Office, are continuing to investigate the cause and manner of death, as well as attempting to identify the deceased. Due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, no further details are being released at this time.

Anyone who may have information pertaining to this case should contact the Lewis County Sheriff's Office at (360) 748-9286, or Lewis County Communications at (360) 740-1105.

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Being a committed community partner, providing professional service to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life in Lewis County.