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## IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

TYPE: MISSING PERSON FOUND DECEASED  
DATE OF RELEASE: September 19, 2016  
DATE OF OCCURANCE: August 26, 2013/ September 11, 2016  
TOWNSHIP: ORANGE TOWNSHIP  
VICTIM: 45 YOA MICHAEL BAYNE – KALKASKA COUNTY

INFORMATION: Sheriff Pat Whiteford reports that on September 11, 2016 at approximately 2 p.m., Kalkaska County Sheriff Deputies responded to the state forest in section 28 of Orange Township, Kalkaska County. Two hunters had discovered suspected human remains and deputies confirmed that they had found a human skeleton.

Deputies then called for the assistance of our Detective Sergeant, MSP Detective Sergeant and the Michigan State Police Laboratory to assist in the investigation and recovery of the remains.

The remains were subsequently transported to Michigan State University where a Forensic Pathologist confirmed that the remains were that of Michael Bayne.

Bayne went missing from his home on August 26, 2013. The Kalkaska Sheriff Office received confirmation of the identity of the found remains on Friday evening September 16, 2016. Bayne's family has been notified and asks that as many details regarding cause of death are kept private.

Cause of death is being determined by MSU but foul play is not suspected.

STATUS: OPEN PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Whiteford".

SHERIFF PATRICK J. WHITEFORD