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# Rusk County

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DATE: May 11, 2026

TO: Media

REF: Possible Human Bones

On Friday, May 8 2026 Rusk County Dispatch received a call from a forester marking trees stating he may have discovered human bones. Rusk County Deputies, Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigations responded. Law enforcement was led through the woods and suspected human bones were recovered. Law enforcement is working with the Rusk County Medical Examiners office and a forensic anthropologist to confirm the identity. Positive identification has not been confirmed but law enforcement is anticipating identification will be made based off of medical records.

Phil Grassmann



Sheriff

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