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HUMAN REMAINS IDENTIFIED

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On March 21st, 2022, Sheriff Eddie Farris announced that the skeletal remains found on March 17th in the rural southern area of Putnam County has officially been identified as that of Joshua Brian Bohannon. Sheriff Farris said the State Medical Examiner’s Office was able to make a positive identification based on information and documents provided by the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office, the 13th Judicial District Attorney’s Office, and other medical history records.

Sheriff Farris said “Over the last nine months since Bohannon was first reported missing, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office and the District Attorney’s Office has spent hundreds of hours investigating this missing person case, following through with any information that may have led them to Bohannon’s whereabouts. The area that Bohannon’s remains were found is a large area in the rural southern part of Putnam County.”

Bohannon was first reported missing by his wife on June 3rd, 2021, near Burgess Falls State Park, which is located in both White and Putnam County. On Thursday night, March 17th, 2022, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office responded to the area after skeletal remains were discovered and reported by a citizen who lives near the area. It was apparent the remains had been there for some time and the remains were sent to the State Medical Examiner’s Office for identification.

Sheriff Farris stated he is glad the family of Joshua Bohannon can now have closure for their loved one.

13th Judicial District Attorney Bryant Dunaway said, “As of the time of this information release, a complete Autopsy Report has not been issued by the Medical Examiner’s Office. That examination and evaluation will take more time. We are pleased that the Medical Examiner’s Office was able to positively identify Joshua. Now he can be properly laid to rest.”

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