



## ***Public Information Release***

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Captain James Bauman, Public Information Officer

On Thursday afternoon at about 2:30 pm, sheriff's deputies responded to a report of two bodies found off of Morgan Valley Road outside of Lower Lake.

Two Sonoma County men were driving through Lake County from the Lake Barryessa area on Morgan Valley Road Thursday afternoon when they stopped for a break, about 6 miles east of Lower Lake. Upon exiting their vehicle at a turn-out, the two discovered what appeared to be two bodies lying at the bottom of an embankment. The two men immediately went to the Lower Lake Fire Station and reported what they found.

Deputies responded to the fire station to meet the two men and after being briefed on what they had found, they were led to the turn-out outside of town. Upon arrival, deputies confirmed the bodies of an adult male and an adult female lying in the brush, approximately 20' down an embankment from the turn-out. The bodies appeared to have been there for at least several weeks.

Detectives with the Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit, along with a mobile command post and other support personnel, were called out and have been processing the scene since yesterday afternoon. The identities of the two people, as well as the manner and cause of their deaths, are pending further investigation. The deaths are considered suspicious at the present time and autopsies are expected to be scheduled for early next week.

No further details are being made available at this time.