



Public Information Release

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The Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit has identified a person of interest in the suspicious deaths of a man and woman whose bodies were discovered outside of Lower Lake last Thursday. The man and woman have also been positively identified.

Two Sonoma County men traveling through Lake County on Morgan Valley Road had discovered the two bodies when they stopped on the side of the road for a break about 6 miles east of Lower Lake on Thursday afternoon. The two men reported their discovery from the Lower Lake Fire Station and then led deputies to the scene where the bodies of an adult male and an adult female lay at the bottom of an embankment. They appeared to have been there for several weeks. Sheriff's detectives had been processing the scene and investigating leads into the identities of the bodies and the manner of their deaths, non-stop from Thursday afternoon into the weekend.

The two bodies have been subsequently identified as 32 year old Frank Maddox and his wife, 40 year old Yvette Maddox. Both Frank and Yvette Maddox were from the State of Maine but had apparently been staying in Clearlake for several months. Yvette Maddox had been reported as a missing person to the Lake County Sheriff's Department by a relative from Maine on January 28th. Frank Maddox had also been reported as a missing person to the Clearlake Police Department on February 11th.

Further investigation into the Maddox couple's activities prior to their being reported as missing has led to the identity of a person of interest in the case of their deaths. Detectives have learned that 29 year old Robby Alan Beasley, who is also from the State of Maine, reportedly hired the Maddox couple and brought them to Lake County to help him with a marijuana operation. Detectives also learned that some time during the last week of January, Beasley had reportedly convinced the Maddox couple to give him a ride to the Sacramento airport. The couple reportedly agreed, despite unverified information that Beasley had previously threatened one of them with a gun.

While determining Beasley's whereabouts during the weekend, detectives learned he had an outstanding arrest warrant from the State of Maine for a probation violation relating to criminal threats and assault charges. Detectives conducted surveillance all day Saturday on two locations which Beasley was known to reside, one in Clearlake

and the other in Lower Lake. At about 7:00 pm, Beasley was observed leaving the Clearlake residence in a vehicle and was stopped and arrested for the warrant without incident.

As Beasley was being arrested, two search warrants were secured for both locations and executed that night. When the search warrants were executed, a large marijuana grow consisting of 96 plants was located at the Lower Lake location and about \$5,000 in currency was seized at the Clearlake location. Beasley also had a large amount of currency on him at the time of his arrest.

Beasley has been booked at the Lake County Jail for the no-bail fugitive warrant out of Maine and remains a person of interest in the deaths of Frank and Yvette Maddox pending further investigation. Autopsies are scheduled for the Maddox couple for Wednesday morning at the Napa County Coroner's Office to determine the cause and manner of their deaths.

A vehicle belonging to Frank Maddox is unaccounted for and is believed to possibly be linked with the two deaths. It is described as a 1982 Toyota pick-up truck, either tan, beige, or pale yellow in color, with a black camper shell. Anyone with information on the possible whereabouts of that truck is asked to immediately contact the Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit at 262-4200.

