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Skeletal remains found on Moraga hillside

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Moraga and Lafayette police recovered skeletal human remains on a secluded hillside near the Moraga/Lafayette border on Friday, March 17.

Police say the remains appear to have been in the area for some time but foul play is not suspected. A hiker discovered the bones near a seasonal creek and alerted Moraga police. The hiker returned to the area with police and assisted them in locating the remains.

The area is only accessible on foot or by four-wheel drive. Search and rescue personnel and crime scene technicians recovered the remains and thoroughly searched the area.

"Today was about documenting the scene and removing the remains," said Lt. Brian South, of the Moraga Police Department. South said the remains will be transferred to the Contra Costa County Coroner's Bureau for further investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact South at 925-888-7052 or via Dispatch at 925-284-5010. - Cathy Dausman

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