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OC Sheriff seeks public's help to identify John Doe

SANTA ANA, Calif. (Dec. 15, 2025): The Orange County Sheriff's Department is seeking the public's assistance in attempting to identify a man whose remains were discovered off the Santa Ana River Tail, near Yorba Regional Park.

On Oct. 11, a citizen discovered the skeletonized remains while walking the river trail and contacted the Sheriff's Department.

The unidentified man is suspected to be Caucasian, between 25 and 40 years old, approximately 5'10" and possibly with short brown hair. John Doe was wearing an XL/XXL black T-shirt with the word "fuego" written on the front, tan-colored "Dickies" pants size 38 x 34, white Nike "AirForce Ones" and white socks. Although the clothing was oversized, the man is believed to be of average size and build. No further identifying information was available.

Earlier this month, Orange County Coroner officials contacted forensic artist Carl Koppelman, to develop this possible likeness of the individual. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Orange County Coroner's Office at (714) 647-7400.

