

# *Gastonia Police Department*

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## **Discovery of Human Remains**

At approximately 01:40 p.m., 1/7/12, Police responded to a wooded area off Rankin Lake Rd. near the Kangaroo Express on North Chester Street after an individual who was collecting aluminum cans found what appeared to be human remains. Investigators arrived on the scene and located the skeletal remains of a person. It is unknown at this time when or how the person died. Detectives believe the remains to be of a W/M who was reported missing in 2006. The remains were transported to the Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner's Office for positive identification and to determine cause of death.

UPDATE: Jan. 19, 2012

## **Remains Identified**

The skeletal remains found on Rankin Lake Road have been positively identified. The victim in this case is Jeffery Brooks Willette of 1046 Easy St., Providence, NC. Mr. Willette was report missing on 07/19/2006 by family members. No one has heard from him or seen him since that day. Results of the autopsy are not yet available.

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