

Arrest Made in Human Remains Case

Friday, June 11, 2010. 9:00 A.M.

For Immediate Release:

On Thursday, June 10, 2010, at approximately 8:30 a.m., Detectives from Sutter County Sheriff's Department and members of the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety, Oregon, including the Special Activities and Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team and Critical Incident Negotiations Team (CINT) responded to the 1000 block of SW J Street, Grants Pass, Oregon to serve an arrest warrant on Michael Shaine Dwayne Gold, 39 years old. Sutter County Sheriff's Detectives believe Gold is connected to the human remains found in south Sutter County in November 2009 and March 2010.

Sutter County Sheriff's Detectives also arrested Gold's mother, Lela Kathryn McDonald, 57 years old, in her West Sacramento home at approximately 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 10, 2010, in connection with the human remains located.

The victim was Elmer Eugene McDonald, 60 years old, Lela McDonald's husband and Michael Gold's stepfather.

Elmer McDonald's remains were identified through the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Forensic Services DNA lab. The Department of Justice also matched the torso located by Sacramento County Sheriff's department in the Sacramento River in February 2010 to the remains found in Sutter County.

Gold was transported to Josephine County Jail, Grants Pass, Oregon and booked on charges of accessory to a felony, destruction of evidence, and removal of a body without authority. McDonald was booked into Sutter County Jail on charges of accessory to a felony, destruction of evidence, possession of controlled substance, transportation of controlled substance, and under the influence of a controlled substance.

The investigation is continuing and anyone with information regarding the circumstances of this case are urged to call Sutter County Sheriff's Detectives at (530) 822-7307 or "Leave a Crime Tip" on the Sheriff's website at www.suttersheriff.org.

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